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Funeral set for slain toddlers

DEATHS A funeral for two slain toddlers is to be held Saturday in Wetaskiwin.

The bodies of two-and-a-half-year-old Conner McConnell and his 10-month-old brother Jayden were discovered Monday in a home in Millet, south of Edmonton.

RCMP say the deaths are homicides. Police are not releasing how the boys died and no charges have been laid.

The service is scheduled for 1 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church.

Friends of the McConnell family have set up a trust fund at ATB branches to help cover funeral and other expenses.

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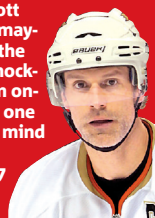


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• Today — Canadian captain Scott Niedermayer and the men's hockey team only have one goal in mind — gold, page 17



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Alberta Lt.-Gov. Norman Kwong reads the speech from the throne for the third session of the 27th legislature in Edmonton Thursday.

Cutting red tape

Throne speech promises fewer hurdles for energy firms

Alberta's throne speech promises less red tape for big business so the beleaguered energy sector can position itself to lead the province out of the recession.

This will include fewer environmental "hurdles" for conventional oil and natural gas development. "We must minimize the cost of doing business here, including the cost of regulation," said Lt.-Gov. Norman Kwong, who read the speech in the legislature Thursday.

Premier Ed Stelmach's Progressive Conservative government has signalled that Alberta must improve its global environmental image to avoid being shunned by major energy-consuming nations.

Albertans value a clean environment, but "that is not always the perception beyond our borders," says the speech.

"Our economy will be seriously harmed if access to the U.S. energy market

is impaired. We ... must secure access to the emerging clean-energy market south of the border."

Environmentalists have been turning up the heat on Alberta over massive oilsands projects, a major source of emissions linked to global warming.

The province was also embarrassed on the international stage when 1,600 ducks were killed after landing on a lake-sized oilsands tailings pond.

The throne speech promises continued investment in research to eventually eliminate the ponds, but mentions no specific timelines.

Stelmach's Tories hold 68 seats in the 83-seat legislature, but have been sagging in recent polls.

The premier has appeared to be in damage-control mode as of late with a recent cabinet shuffle and an overhaul of his communications team.

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Man charged in shooting death in Edson home

DEATH RCMP have charged 63-year-old Gary Allen Cozicar of Edson with one count of first-degree murder.

The Edmonton medical examiner, after conducting an autopsy, advised investigators that Ryan Karl Kuiper, 52, of Edson died as

a result of a gunshot wound, classifying his death as a homicide.

Cozicar has been remanded in custody and is scheduled to appear in Edson Provincial Court on Feb. 16.

On Wednesday, Edson RCMP responded to a call

Investigators seek info

• Investigators are asking anyone who may have information regarding this case to contact Edson RCMP at 780-

723-8822 or Crime Stoppers, toll free at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), and online at www.tip-submit.com.

of a disturbance in an Edson residence that resulted

in the launch of a homicide investigation.

RCMP responded to the Edson home after receiving the call around 1:15 a.m.

Investigators believe that several individuals were in the residence when a confrontation broke out. Kuiper was fatally shot that night with a long-barrel firearm.

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Watch out for fraudulent email: RCMP

St. Albert RCMP have issued a public warning after a man alerted Mounties to a suspicious email that he received. The email was from a sender who claimed to work for the Euro Lottery, and said the man could win over 4.5-million pounds if he gave the mysterious sender 25 per cent of that amount. The simplest way to protect yourself from fraudulent email is to delete messages if you don't recognize the sender, according to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Call Centre's website, phonebusters.com. METRO EDMONTON

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News in brief

SPENDING A paper released by the University of Calgary says the Alberta government would have to cut spending by \$5 billion to bring its spending in line with the other provinces. The report says per-capita spending in Alberta is 40 per cent higher than Ontario and 30 per cent higher than British Columbia. Finance Minister Ted Morton is to table the Alberta government's new budget on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Video Danny Williams is recovering from heart surgery performed Thursday in the United States, at metronews.ca/canada



Three young professionals — Jeff Gonek, Tracy Hyatt and Lorianne Slauenwhite — will prepare meals this month from meagre supplies of food found in their fridges and pantries as part of a challenge to raise awareness of food-insecure Edmontonians.

Eating on \$80 a month

Trio adjust diet to raise awareness of food-poor locals

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Their fridges are all but empty and their waistlines are shrinking for a charitable social experiment that mimics the everyday reality of food-insecure Edmontonians.

"I'm hungry all the time," Tracy Hyatt said, four days after digging into a severely slashed food budget.

Meet the Working Poor Diet, a challenge embarked upon by three young professionals attempting to bring awareness to the plight of locals with empty plates.

Until the end of the month, the trio will only consume food bought on their individual budgets of \$80. No catered lunches, no free samples and no after-work drinks — nothing.

"I'm hungry all the time."

Tracy Hyatt, diet participant

"We take those things for granted every day," participant Jeff Gonek said.

For the second year in a row, the group is attempting to fill up on foods recommended the Canada Food Guide.

"It's possible to live, but not totally by the guide," Hyatt said. "I can buy a bottle of Pepsi for \$1, but a carton of milk is \$4."

They've based their budgets on earnings gained from a full-time job at Alberta minimum wage, deducting average expenses like rent, utilities, transportation and leisure.

Common, inexpensive ingredients include discount-

ed rice, beans and produce.

Preparation, coupon clipping and menu planning has roughly quadrupled their time spent on food, a reality that Edmonton's Food Bank spokeswoman Tamisan Bencz-Knight says is lived daily by locals.

"It's a good representation," she said.

"The difference for these guys is that they're done at the end of the month."

The charity is taking donations as part of the initiative.

Last year, challengers raised \$3,000 for Edmonton's Food Bank. This year's goal is set at \$5,000.

"It's such a wealthy province. There are so many people here who have," Hyatt said. "I never thought of the 'have-nots' before this."

Distinguished researcher calls it a career

LAND Friends, family and colleagues gathered on Thursday at the Alberta Research Council, now part of Alberta Innovates — Technology Futures, to celebrate the career and retirement of their "resident dinosaur."

Terry Macyk, an expert in land reclamation, has been with the council for 43 years. First applying as a student assistant in 1965, he didn't land the summer job until 1967, and he hasn't looked back since.

"I can honestly say there hasn't been one day when I haven't gotten up in the morning and said, 'I want to go to work,'" said Macyk.

His land-reclamation work revolved around ensuring the Alberta landscape is restored after heavy industrial activity, such as well drilling or coal or oil-sand mining.

The list of awards for Macyk is a long one, and a few of his colleagues have been lucky enough to witness some of these major acknowledgements.

"There have been lots of great memories," said Joseph Beres, who's worked with Macyk for 40 years.

"Terry grew up on the farm and besides being academic, he worked in the field with us too, like he was one of us."

The Alberta Research Council has chosen Bonnie Drozdowski, who has worked closely with Macyk over the past few years, to take over his seat.

"He's taught me not just about reclamation, but about life in general," Drozdowski said.

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Prosecutors seek publication ban

Military prosecutors are seeking a publication ban on some of the evidence to be presented at the court martial of a Canadian officer accused of killing a wounded Taliban fighter on the battlefield. Lawyers will ask the court on Friday to ban the public from hearing the entire contents of a witness affidavit to be used against Capt. Robert Semrau, left. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Buy American deal reached

Canada poised for exemption from U.S. protectionist rules

Canada and the United States will announce Friday that the year-long dispute over protectionist Buy American provisions has finally been resolved. The

Canadian Press has learned.

A source familiar with the negotiations suggested that Canada would be granted a Buy American exemption

involving any contracts funded from what remains of the \$787-billion US economic stimulus package passed by Congress last year.

The White House will make it clear to states and municipalities that Buy American requirements don't need to apply to Canadian companies, the source said. That would leave states and municipalities free to exempt Canadian manufacturers if they want to.

In return, Canadian provinces and municipalities will give the green light to American firms bidding on projects north of the border.

"The big question now is how quickly it will lock in for uncommitted U.S. stimulus money," one source

Trade irritant

Buy American has been a major trade irritant between the United States and Canada since Congress inserted the provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act a year ago. That legislation was aimed at pulling the U.S. out of a devastating recession.

said. But others pointed out that even though the deal comes just two weeks before the deadline for spending the stimulus money, it's a significant development in contemporary Canada-U.S. relations. It means the U.S. is now recognizing that the two countries' economies are intricately linked. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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RCMP says outside investigations needed

LAW AND ORDER The RCMP plans to ask outsiders to investigate serious incidents involving Mounties.

Commissioner William Elliot says cases in which officers are linked to death, serious injury or criminal behaviour will be referred to provincial or federal organizations for investigation.

Elliot says the policy also allows the national force to ask an "external law-enforcement agency or other duly authorized investigative agency" to conduct the probe.

And in cases where that's not possible, the RCMP may appoint at least two Mounties from another province, along with independent observers to review their findings.

Any officers assigned to investigating their own will be screened for possible conflict of interest and, where possible, the primary

investigator should outrank the subject.

Elliot says the RCMP "must strive to be as open and transparent as possible and fully accountable" for its actions.

"We would prefer the RCMP never to be called upon to conduct investigations of our employees," Elliot said. "In some provinces, regimes are in place to conduct independent investigations."

"The RCMP encourages the adoption of independent investigative bodies for all jurisdictions."

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SURGERY Premier Danny Williams is recovering from heart surgery performed on

Thursday in the United States. Deputy premier Kathy Dunderdale says surgery on the premier of Newfoundland and Labrador went well.

PARLIAMENT The Harper government is scrambling to take back the political agenda after suffering a beating in the polls over its decision to suspend Parliament. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

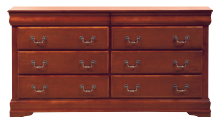
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Comment

A sign of good people in the city

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Terence Harding

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This city is full of interesting people, most of whom you will never hear of. They're not people with their hands on the levers of power; they're not the presidents of prof-

itable corporations; they don't make the style section of the newspaper; reporters don't phone them for their opinions on current events; their novels don't make the bestseller list; and they are never photographed at the latest gala.

They are just everyday people who happen to do what they do very well. They are people who make a real difference to those they come into contact with and who add enormous value to the quality

of life of this city.

One such person is Joey Crocker. If you ever have the chance to meet Crocker, you'll never forget him. In addition to teaching deaf students during the day, Crocker also teaches American Sign Language (ASL) to the hearing at night school. His students are those who need to be able to communicate with the deaf, as well as those who are just interested in learning more about deaf culture.

I'm sure there are lots of

people who teach ASL in Edmonton, but I have to think that very few do it with the commitment, passion and flare that Crocker brings to his vocation.

Crocker can make a three-hour class fly by. Without speaking a single word, he can make you laugh, make you think, make you learn, make you want to learn more. It's hard to imagine sticking the disability label on Crocker.

He is the consummate

communicator. He uses everything at his disposal to help his students learn: His face, his eyes, his hands, everything.

A lot of my life has been spent teaching in one form or another. I have taught at the post-secondary level and have trained people in a number of corporate environments. I used to think I was pretty damn good at it, but having Crocker as a teacher has made me rethink that. I'm not sure I could ever make commu-

nication come alive as well as Crocker does. I'm not sure I ever radiated his kind of devotion to helping students learn.

My time with Crocker was short, but it will remain with me forever. I'll never look at someone who is signing and not think about his teaching excellence. I'm glad I live in the same city as Joey Crocker.

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Views

Questioning the magic at Herbal Magic

Marketplace

Erica Johnson

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When Stacey Edgar wanted to drop about 50 pounds, she decided to try Herbal Magic. It's one of the biggest weight loss companies in Canada — with more than 300 stores coast to coast.

"When they're selling you, you're just concentrating on how awesome you're going to look, and how it's going to change your life," says Edgar. "And then they

write all the numbers down, but they don't give you a breakdown of the cost."

Herbal Magic clients sign a one-year contract with a base price of about \$1,000, which includes weekly weigh-ins, a low-cal diet and counselling. But the biggest cost to customers? Two mandatory herbal supplements, called WM-2000 and Chromagic — about an extra \$250 per month.

And how do those two supplements help? When we visited stores with hidden cameras, staff told us the supplements were important for weight loss.

So we asked Natural Standard in Boston — a research institute that assesses the

science on the safety and efficacy of natural health products — to examine the ingredients and the claims. It determined, when it comes to the mandatory supplements, there was insufficient evidence to make claims for weight loss.

We took our findings to Herbal Magic president Fraser Clarke and asked him what scientific evidence the company has to back up claims for those two mandatory supplements. "Each of our products contains ingredients that have clinical studies to support any claims that we make about those," he said.

But many of those studies don't directly relate to

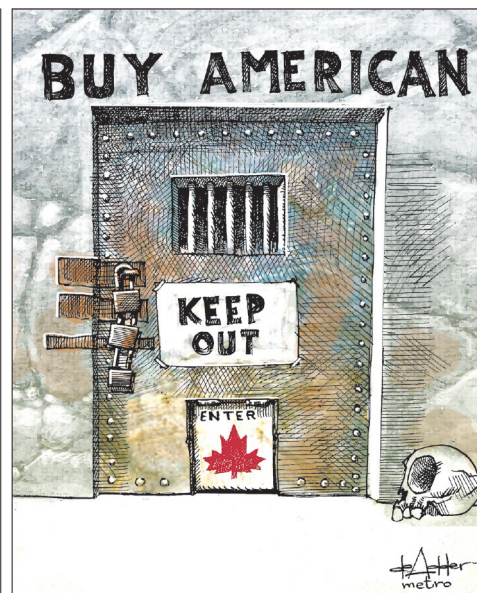
weight loss. A handful of studies showed potentially encouraging results for particular ingredients, but more study would be needed to draw any conclusions.

Obesity experts say the diet industry should be regulated.

Meanwhile, Herbal Magic tells us it's phasing out those supplements we put under the microscope. New formulations will hit store shelves by fall.

To find out the real deal behind Herbal Magic, tune into CBC Television's Marketplace Friday at 8:30.

Erica Johnson is a co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, which airs each Friday at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.



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News in brief

LONDON Legislators are calling on Britain's government to ban Chinese paper lanterns because of a risk to cows, sheep and other livestock. Some members of the House of Lords called for a ban on Thursday, following concerns expressed by Britain's National Farmers' Union. The large paper lanterns, which each contain a candle and are made of paper and a wire frame, are often released into the air to mark weddings, birthdays or other celebrations. Often the lanterns can drift for several kilometres and land in rural fields. Baroness Janet Fookes says the pretty decorations pose a danger to animals. Cat-

tle have eaten the wire frames and died as a result.

ACID Cambodia plans to draft a new law in a bid to stop the growing number of attacks in which jealous wives, vengeful businessmen and others have hurled acid at their rivals, a government official said. More than 10 people were assaulted with acid in 2009, and three last month alone, according to statistics from a non-government group that helps victims of the attacks. "For the attackers, using acid to attack their opponents is very easy, not hard to keep and hide like guns," said Deputy Minister of the Interior Teng Savong.

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India Natural procession



Indian police stand guard as naked Hindu holy men take part in a procession as part of the festival of Kumbh Mela Thursday.

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Man gets 10 years for raping own daughter

A Polish court has convicted a man who held his daughter captive for six years, raped her repeatedly and fathered two sons with her. Krzysztof Bartoszuk was sentenced Thursday to 10 years in prison.

The entirety of the Polish trial took place behind closed doors to protect the daughter, now 23, and other family members. Reporters and TV cameras were only allowed in the court briefly Thursday to hear part of the verdict read.

Janusz Sulima, a spokesman for the court, said Bartoszuk, 47, was found guilty of multiple counts of rape, sexual acts with a minor and physical and psychological abuse against the daughter and other family members, among other charges.

Bartoszuk admitted to having sex with his daughter but insisted it was consensual. As he walked out of the court, he told reporters he plans to appeal.

Bartoszuk has been in

Parallels

- The trial of Krzysztof Bartoszuk began after the conclusion of the case in Austria against Josef Fritzl, who was found guilty of imprisoning his daughter in a dungeon for 24 years and fathering her seven children. The parallels led the Polish media to dub Bartoszuk the "Polish Fritzl."

custody since 2008, when his wife and daughter came forward with the allegations. The daughter told police at the time that her father had raped her repeatedly while keeping her captive for six years in a room with no door handles.

She was let out of the room on occasion, including for the births of her two sons in hospitals, police said at the time. The first boy was born in 2005 and the second in 2007. Both times she was accompanied by her father, who forced her to give the children up for adoption.

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Judge: ISPs not responsible

SYDNEY An Australian judge ruled Thursday that an Internet service provider cannot be held accountable for illegal movie downloads by its customers, in a test case of a key strategy by entertainment companies to combat online piracy.

The judge said it was the first time a court had ruled on the question of whether an ISP should be liable for copyright violations by its users, and one expert said

the decision would have global implications.

A group of 34 movie companies, including Australian branches of Hollywood studios Universal Pictures, Warner Bros. and 20th Century Fox, claimed Australia's third-largest Internet provider, iiNet, breached their film copyrights by failing to stop users from illegally downloading files.

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New design for Heinz ketchup packs

The ketchup packet has been around for more than 40 years, and complaints about it for nearly as long. Now ketchup giant H.J. Heinz Co. is unveiling the first major packaging change to the to-go condiment. The new design has a base that's more like a cup for dipping and also a tear-off end for squeezing. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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No quick return to good ol' days: Carney

Recovery from the global recession is at hand, but Canadian workers and companies should not assume a quick return to the good, old days, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney is warning.

The global recession has dramatically changed the way the world economy will work, he said, and both corporations and labour in Canada will need to make serious adjustments if they want to flourish.

"The thaw is coming," Carney said in the text of a speech to be delivered to the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce Thursday. "Canada is entering this period of adjustment with many strengths, but the ef-

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forts required of us will be historic."

Carney is not convinced Canada's private sector has positioned itself to take advantage of the recovery.

While corporate balance sheets are strong and financial conditions are improving, Canadian companies did not invest strategically in their operations during the recession, so their technology is behind the times,

the central banker said.

Plus, the competitive position of the U.S. corporate sector is stronger than ever, Carney warned.

Canadian companies can no longer rely on American demand, but they can count on stiffer U.S. competition in global markets, he said.

"In short, Canadian companies are emerging from the recession to an altered world — one that may require deeper restructuring and bolder strategic initiatives than currently contemplated."

Global growth will only resume in fits and starts, he said, and will be led by emerging markets where Canadians have few inroads. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Business in brief

TOYOTA Japan's top business newspaper Nihon Keizai is reporting Toyota Motor Corp. will recall 270,000 Prius hybrid vehicles over brake problems

in the United States and Japan. Meanwhile, Toyota Canada says it's aware of a "small number" of reports of what it calls inconsistent brake feel

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South Korean models show Samsung Electronics Co.'s Android smartphones during the product's unveiling ceremony at the company's headquarters in Seoul, South Korea, Thursday. The world's second-largest mobile handset maker said Thursday it aims to triple sales this year from 2009 to tap what could be the fastest-growing segment in the handset market.



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Amazon, Macmillan near settlement over e-books

A standoff between Amazon.com and publisher Macmillan over e-book prices may be ending. Macmillan CEO John Sargent released a memo yesterday saying that a resolution was "near at hand." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Joojoo joins tablet market

The Joojoo, a Web-browsing tablet device that's the subject of a high-profile Silicon Valley legal dispute, appears on track to reach early buyers at the end of February.

The flat touch-screen computer was known until December as the Crunch-Pad, after the technology blog TechCrunch. It was born from a post by the blog's well-connected and outspoken founder, Michael Arrington, that called for collaborators on a "dead simple and dirt cheap touch screen Web tablet."

Singapore-based Chandrasekar Rathakrishnan

Blueberry

• CSL, which makes BlackBerry-like phones it calls Blueberry, will also be an investor in the startup's next round of funding, expected to close in the next two weeks.

stepped up. His software startup, Fusion Garage, worked with Arrington and his team until November. At that point the project imploded, with Fusion Garage announcing it would sell the device under a new name — and without Arrington's involvement.

Despite a federal lawsuit filed by Arrington, Rathakrishnan said yesterday that production of the Joojoo is under way. CSL Group, a Malaysia-based mobile phone and netbook maker, is subsidizing production costs in exchange for an undisclosed revenue share, Rathakrishnan said.

Arrington is seeking damages and to keep Fusion Garage from selling or profiting from the Joojoo device. His lawyer didn't return a message seeking comment about whether they might take further legal action.

The tablet landscape has changed dramatically

since the Joojoo was first unveiled. At the International Consumer Electronics Show in January, Hewlett-Packard Co., Dell Inc. and others presented tablet prototypes. Less than a month later, Apple Inc. took the wraps off a long-anticipated version it calls the iPad.

Apple's iPhone upended the smart phone category, leaving competitors scrambling to come out with touch-screen phones and application stores of their own. Many analysts expect Apple's iPad to define the tablet category in the same way.

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The Source boosts BCE's bottom line

TELECOM BCE Inc., owner of the country's largest phone company, says its acquisition of The Source electronics stores and the remaining half of Virgin Mobile Canada helped increase its fourth-quarter revenues by 3.9 per cent.

BCE's overall revenue rose to \$4.65 billion for the final three months of last year, while its net earnings in the fourth quarter were \$350 million, or 46 cents per common share. A year earlier, BCE lost \$48 million or six cent per share.

As usual, telephone division Bell Canada provided

the biggest share of the company's revenue. Bell's sales rose by nearly \$200 million to \$3.98 billion.

The Source, a national Canadian retailer acquired last year by BCE after Circuit City went bankrupt and closed its U.S. stores, helped Bell increase equipment and other revenue to \$324 million in the quarter from \$143 million a year before.

"We met or exceeded all of the increased financial guidance targets that we set (in August) for the company," said chief financial officer Siim Vanaseltja.

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LaDainian Tomlinson says he believes he has played his last game as a San Diego Charger. The running back told The San Diego Union-Tribune on Thursday that he has thought for a while he would be let go by the Chargers. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

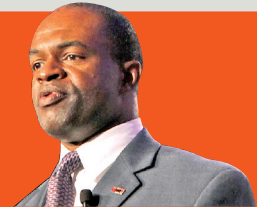
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NFL union exec predicts lockout

NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith, right, says the chance of a lockout after next season is a "14" on a scale of 1-to-10. Painting a bleak labour outlook Thursday, Smith said the NFL would receive \$5 billion US from its network television deals even if no games are played in 2011. He regarded that as proof owners are preparing for a lockout.

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Minnesota Wild right wing Antti Miettinen puts the puck over Edmonton Oilers goalie Jeff Deslauriers on Thursday.

Havlat sinks Oilers

NHL RESULTS

Oilers 2 Wild 4



Martin Havlat had his first two-goal game for Minnesota, and the Wild beat Edmonton 4-2 on Thursday night for their 12th straight home victory over the Oilers.

Antti Miettinen's early third-period goal, his career-high 16th this season, made it 2-1 for Minnesota before the game took a dramatic turn.

Marc Pouliot punched in the tying score in thick traffic for Edmonton against Wild goalie Josh Harding, who left a few seconds later after making a diving save of Pouliot's next try and appearing to aggravate a hip injury he's been bothered by lately.

Emergency backup Anton Khudobin was forced into his NHL debut and made several difficult saves during a power play to help preserve the victory. Khudobin stopped eight shots in less

than 10 minutes.

Guillaume Latendresse manoeuvred through the slot for a back-hander with 7:48 left, and Havlat stretched the lead a little later.

Mike Comrie scored for the first time in three months for the Oilers, whose modest two-game winning streak ended on the heels of a brutal six-week stretch that pushed them to the bottom of the league. Jeff Deslauriers made 30 saves, but the late lapse dimmed a bit his 1-0 shutout of Philadelphia the night before.

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Kovalchuk sent to Devils for players, draft pick

TRADE Ilya Kovalchuk and the Atlanta Thrashers have parted ways.

Atlanta general manager Don Waddell dealt his captain to the New Jersey Devils on Thursday night, matching one of the Eastern Conference's top teams with one of the game's most dangerous snipers.

The Thrashers felt forced to trade Kovalchuk after failing to re-sign him. They received forward Niclas Bergfors, defenceman Johnny Oduya, prospect Patrice Cormier and a 2010 first-round pick from the Devils.

"When you have to trade this type of player it's not easy but we came to the conclusion that we weren't going to get him to sign," Waddell said on conference call Thursday night.

"It's been a very tough day for all of us." New Jersey also received defenceman Anssi Salmela in the deal and the teams swapped 2010 second-round draft picks.

A sombre Waddell noted Kovalchuk's contributions on and off the ice over the past eight years, but added that the trade brought fresh faces that



Atlanta Thrashers captain Ilya Kovalchuk was traded to the New Jersey Devils on Thursday.

should help boost the Thrashers in the future.

"It's a bittersweet day," he added. "Now we have to move forward and look at the positive side of things."

The fourth significant NHL deal in less than a week was arguably the biggest. Kovalchuk leads all NHLers with 328 goals since being drafted first overall by Atlanta in 2001.

The move came just hours after Waddell released a statement saying the sides had reached an impasse on contract negotiations. He added that Kovalchuk turned down a \$101-million US, 12-year deal and a \$70-million, seven-year deal that would have made him the NHL's highest-paid player.

Devils general manager Lou Lamoriello jumped at the situation and made the deal, noting that while the Devils gave away a lot, they have the depth in

Cormier

One of the players Atlanta ended up receiving in exchange for their star is Patrice Cormier, who is currently suspended for the remainder of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League season for his elbow on Mikael Tam last month.

the organization to overcome it. He added that the Devils' recent scoring slump played a part.

"We felt Kovalchuk was a player who could come and fill the need that we felt we had for an explosive scorer and someone who could add a different dimension to our power play with the type of shot," Lamoriello said. "Then it was just the case of trying to make it work somehow where we could not sacrifice tomorrow."

Lamoriello said the Devils have not spoken to the 26-year-old Kovalchuk about an extension. He will become a free agent after this season.

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Hitchcock says inconsistency his undoing

FIRE A day after he was fired as head coach of the Columbus Blue Jackets, Ken Hitchcock declined to take any parting shots at the club's management and said he is eager to see how the franchise's young talent develops.

His biggest regret is that he won't be an integral part of the future success.

"My message is that these are the actual growing pains that every organization goes through to get to a high level," he said of the Blue Jackets' disappointing 22-27-9 record a year after making the Stanley Cup playoffs for the first time.

"If checking is my style, then I'm guilty as charged."
Ken Hitchcock

"If you look at the Pittsburgh Penguins, San Jose, Chicago — this is the natural growth things that go on. Now, coaches come and go and so do some players. But there's a core group of guys here that by the time they're 25- or 30-years-old, everybody's going to be marvelling at how good they are and how sound they are. They're doing it

the right way here."

Many fans think the young Blue Jackets didn't respond to Hitchcock's checking, defence-oriented style. If that's the case, Hitchcock was not apologizing.

"If checking is my style, then I'm guilty as charged. Because that's the only way you can win," said the man with a 125-123-36 record in Columbus.

"But it's going to take a big buy-in. You have to check to score. Every coach who has a winning program knows that. If you're capable of doing that, you're going to have real success."

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Sports in brief

CURLING Canada's Jennifer Jones scored one in the tenth end to beat Ontario's Krista MacCarville 6-5 on Thursday night and clinch a spot in Friday's page playoff at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Jones (8-3) will face off against Kathy O'Rourke's P.E.I. rink (8-3) on Friday with the winner moving onto the final.

NBA Mike Dunleavy has stepped down as the Los Angeles Clippers' head coach, retaining his job as general manager. Assistant coach Kim Hughes will replace Dunleavy on the bench, where Dunleavy has led the Clippers to just one winning season since 2003.

METRO NEWS SERVICES



Juan Pablo Montoya, driver of the No. 42 Target Chevrolet looks on during practice for the 2010 Budweiser Shootout at Daytona International Speedway in Florida on Thursday.

NASCAR ready to embark on crucial season

Ask anyone in NASCAR about the many, many industry ailments and the answer is that everything will be just fine.

They better be right.

NASCAR opened at Daytona International Speedway on Thursday for the first practice session of what's expected to be one of the most critical seasons in the sport's history.

Faced with slumping attendance and television ratings, and economic woes that have handcuffed teams and manufacturers, NASCAR has planned a series of adjustments designed to re-energize the industry.

There's no doubt that it's a clear reaction to growing fan unrest.

"I think the fans want to see results," veteran driver Jeff Burton said. "The fans have been speaking for the last several years saying we want to see different stuff. I think if we give it to them, and it's different, and the racing doesn't improve from it, then yeah, this is a critical year."

The first test was expected to be Saturday night in the exhibition Budweiser Shootout, when 24 drivers will run the first race under NASCAR's new "Boys, have at it" policy that green-lighted aggressive driving.

But the drivers didn't even make it through Thursday's first practice

session without incident. Contact between Denny Hamlin and Mark Martin triggered a multi-car accident that destroyed several cars.

It was a preview of what fans can expect during the lead-in to the Feb. 14 season-opening Daytona 500.

"Trust me, we're not finished," warned Greg Biffle. "It's going to be awesome."

NASCAR has relaxed its stance on bump-drafting and aggressive driving, and has encouraged participants to whittle down their obligatory sponsor plugs and start showing some real emotion. It's a

clear response to fan complaints that drivers had become too corporate, and that NASCAR's restrictions had ruined the racing at Daytona and Talladega,

typically the two most exciting tracks on the circuit.

The policing of bump-drafting was to cut down on the spectacular accidents that typically mar Daytona and Talladega races.

"You should care about the racing, and (NASCAR's) not afraid of making changes," said Juan Pablo Montoya, who openly challenged president Mike Helton when he announced a ban on bump-drafting in the pre-race driver meeting at Talladega last November. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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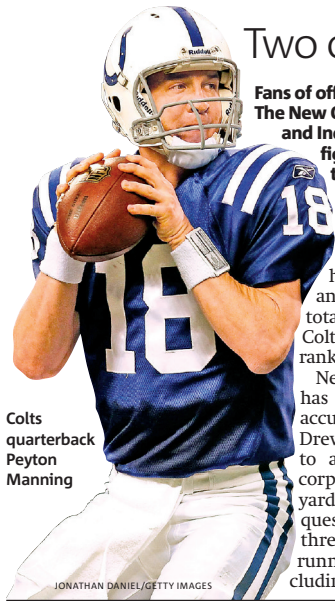
More Canadians were interested in watching the Super Bowl ads this coming Sunday than the big game itself, according to a new poll. The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey indicates 43 per cent of the people polled hope to see the high-priced commercials, even if they have no intention of watching the game itself. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Super Bowl XLIV

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Colts quarterback Peyton Manning

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Fans of offence, rejoice! The New Orleans Saints and Indianapolis Colts figure to pile on the points in Sunday's Super Bowl.

The Saints scored a league-high 510 points and ranked first in total offence. The Colts scored 416 and ranked ninth.

New Orleans (15-3) has the game's most accurate quarterback, Drew Brees, throwing to a deep receiving corps led by 1,000-yard wideout Marques Colston. He has three dependable running backs, including the mercurial

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Colts vs. Saints



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Reggie Bush. Both his tight ends, Jeremy Shockey and David Thomas, find holes in the middle of defences and move the chains.

Indianapolis (16-2) offers Peyton Manning, the only four-time MVP, throwing to a deep group of targets led by two 1,000-yard receivers: Reggie Wayne and tight end Dallas Clark.

And while the Colts' D has been stingy in the play-offs and the Saints force lots of turnovers, this could be a matchup that wears out the scoreboard at Sun Life Stadium.

Indy, winner of the last Super Bowl here three years ago, is a five-point favourite.

"We have to be balanced and mix the run and the pass," Brees said. "We have to have a plan for their pass rush, because we know how they can rush the passer. Take care of the football, try to keep Peyton and that offence off the field as much as possible and take advantage of the opportunities when we get them."

Still, the key to the game will be Manning against a

vulnerable New Orleans defence. And that's the difference.

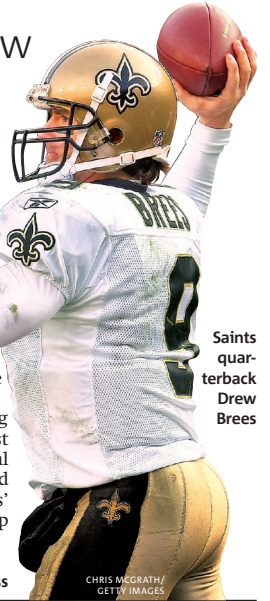
When Darrelle Revis, the best cover cornerback in the league, blanketed Wayne in the AFC title game, Manning looked elsewhere.

Youngsters Pierre Garcon and Austin Collie were unstoppable.

Bottom line: Manning may be playing the best football of his sensational career — certainly good enough to win the Colts' second NFL championship in four seasons.

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Saints quarterback Drew Brees

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Whitney, Gleason added to U.S. team

Defencemen Ryan Whitney and Tim Gleason have been named to the U.S. Olympic men's hockey team bound for Vancouver, replacing injured players Mike Komisarek and Paul Martin. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Vancouver Games

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'We're not going there to get silver'

Gold expected for men's hockey team

Steve Yzerman will be thinking it. Every player in the dressing room will be thinking it. Many Canadian hockey fans will be thinking it, too.

Only gold will do for Team Canada at the Vancouver Olympics. And nobody is making any apologies for it.

Never mind Russia is currently the top-ranked country in men's hockey or that Canadian NHL players have two Olympic disappointments to go with their golden moment in 2002. Forget recent failures at the IIHF World Hockey Championship or the fact that no men's team has won Olympic gold on home soil in three decades.

"You've got to set your

sights as high as possible," said veteran defenceman Chris Pronger, about to compete in his fourth Olympics. "We're not going there to get silver. Our goal is not to get a bronze or qualify for a medal. It's to win gold ... I don't think there's one guy if you ask if they think we can win gold, they're going to say, 'Uh, geez, I don't know.'"

If it sounds audacious, that's because it is.

The game's borders have been open for decades and top players from Russia, Sweden, Finland, the U.S. and several other countries have proven themselves to be just as good or better than many Canadians.

The host country may boast more depth than any

other team, but that doesn't assure a medal of any colour at one of the most-anticipated hockey tournaments in history, let alone gold.

Yzerman, the team's executive director, and his management team of Ken Holland, Kevin Lowe and Doug Armstrong spent 14 months traversing North America before selecting the 23 men who will wear the Maple Leaf.

Yzerman made a bold statement with his selections, choosing a team that features 15 Olympic rookies and 12 players that are 25 or younger. It represents both a departure from the veteran squad that flopped to a seventh-place finish in Turin four years ago and a passing of the torch to a

6 Since NHL players started participating in the Olympics six different countries have played in the final: The Czechs and Russians in 1998; Canada and the U.S. in 2002; and Sweden and Finland in 2006. Slovakia could also find itself in the mix this time.

new generation of Canadian players led by Sidney Crosby.

"We didn't specifically go to a younger group or anything, that's just how our roster unfolded," said Yzerman. "We've got a great group of young Canadian stars and at the end of the day, we just felt like a lot of these guys have overtaken some of our veteran guys and were more suitable to be on this team."

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Team Canada men's Olympic hockey executive director Steve Yzerman is facing high expectations for his team.

Home-country advantage can make a difference at Olympics

Field of Play

Scott Russell

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For Canada's Winter Olympians the migration from the mountains of Europe and the Nordic trails of Scandinavia is almost complete.

No longer the visitors, they're making their way back to friendly territory.

In one week's time a generation of athletes born in the land of ice and

snow will finally get their chance to play a home game and race over familiar terrain with pride on the line.

Cross-country skier Chandra Crawford won't apologize for feeling more than a little festive.

"As if having the Olympics here in Canada wasn't already an incredible opportunity," the 2006 gold medalist says from her native Canmore, Alberta. "The icing on the cake is having the last World Cup before the big Games here at home."

Crawford and her teammates have proven in the past they know what it takes to succeed in their

own backyard. Balance and peace of mind go hand in hand with eating food you're used to and getting the rare chance to sleep in your own bed.

In cross-country skiing, Canadians are the underdogs — the exceptions to the rule being the big races that are occasionally staged in Alberta's Rocky Mountains or the trails of interior British Columbia. At

Chandra Crawford



Olympic medallists Beckie Scott, Sara Renner and Chandra Crawford are a testament to that. It's a history that fuels Crawford's optimism as she tunes up for Vancouver/Whistler 2010.

"It's making for amazing preparation," she says. "Nowhere do I feel more grounded and supported and able to ski my best than in the stadium where I first tried cross-country skiing 25 years ago at the age of one."

The place where dreams begin is often the same place where they are realized. It's all about having the comfort to compete on your own terms.

"I find myself feeling that 'ready-to-fly' state of mind," Crawford explains. "It's thanks to all of the smiles and encouragement I get by just being here and knowing all of the volunteers by name."

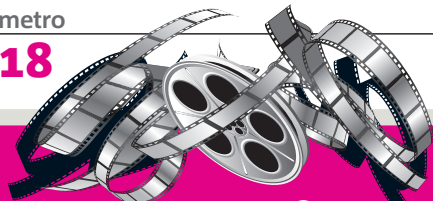
It must be so satisfying to race when everyone knows and cares about you. Maybe it's the homecoming all Canadian athletes can count on at the most important time of their lives.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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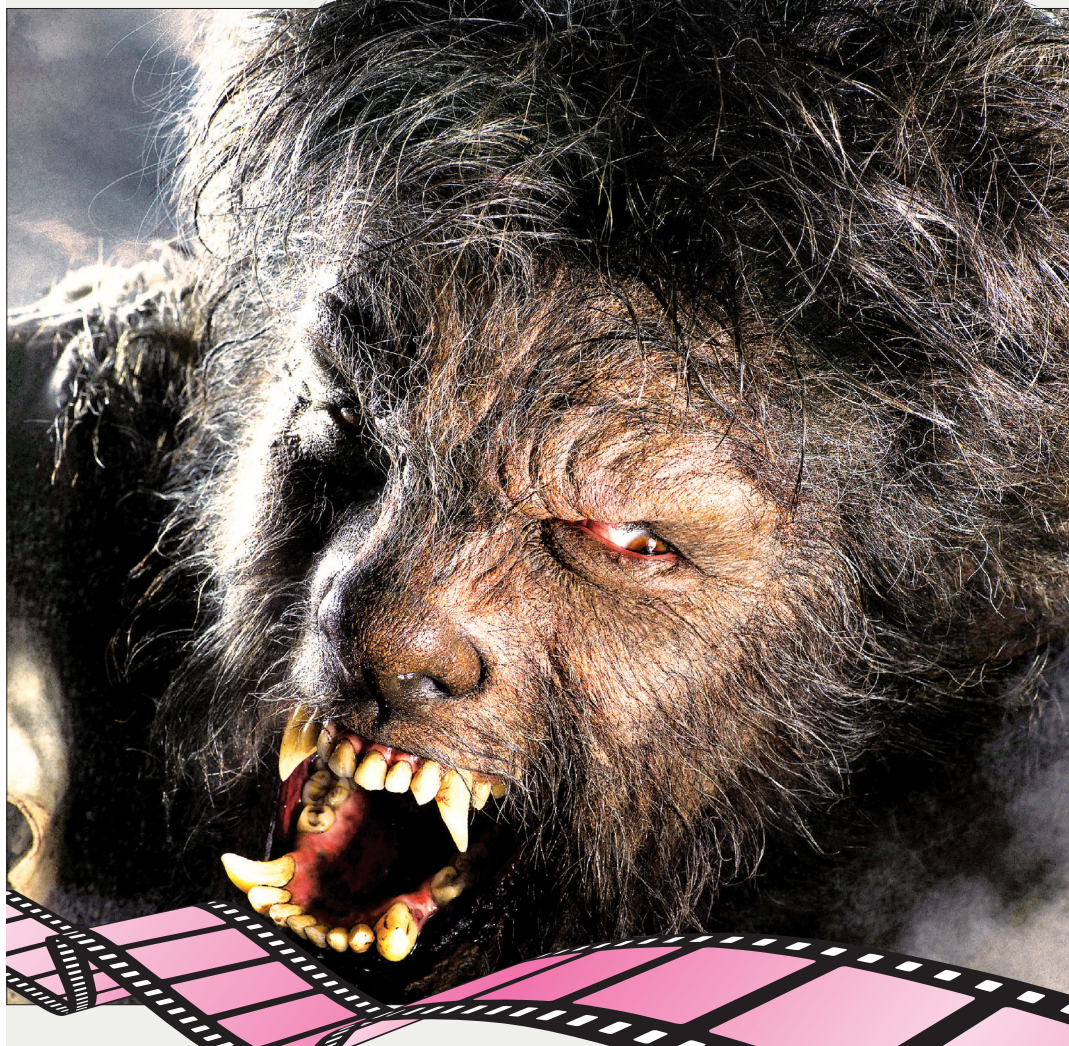
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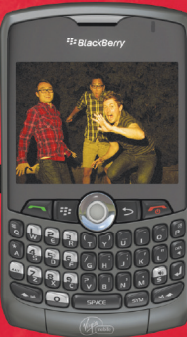
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The beast rises again

Don't bark at New Moon, The Wolfman's here

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

In the annals of monsterdom, the werewolf is perhaps the most misunderstood. Steeped in myth, he is really just the Freudian "id" with fangs, let loose to wreak animalistic, moon-fuelled havoc.

But when it comes to cinema, the werewolf's initial incarnation wasn't entirely literal. Writer Robert Louis Stevenson first explored the themes of primal duality with his famous 1866 novella *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, and the silent 1920 film version with John Barrymore made it flesh.

Telling the tale of an upstanding man of science ac-

cidentally morphing into his dark half, a slobbering, out of control lunatic with bizarre tastes, it set the tone for the animalistic frights to come.

"I always loved the ferocity of that story, the unchained animal hiding within, ready to erupt," says Tony Timpone, longtime editor of legendary horror magazine *Fangoria*.

In 1941, Universal Pictures unleashed the original *The Wolf Man* starring Lon Chaney Jr. as a young man cursed with wolf-ism by a vengeful gypsy and whose unfortunate reign of terror could only be brought down by a silver bullet.

That angle became the template for the contemporary werewolf legend, repeated again in scores of

Leaders of pack

Essential werewolf films:

- **The Curse of The Werewolf (1961):** Oliver Reed made his first screen appearance in this elegant, frightening, fairy tale.
- **An American Werewolf in London (1981):** A dark, irreverent masterpiece of the genre.
- **Dog Soldiers (2002):** Neil Marshall's blend of macho action and werewolf terror is a contemporary classic.

international offerings including Hammer Films inspired and still frightening 1961 creeper, *The Curse of the Werewolf*.

In 1981, with the advent of prosthetic special effects, John Landis' *An American Werewolf in London* and Joe Dante's *The Howling* offered cheeky, bloody, sexual riffs on the legend and broke shocking

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new ground with scenes of men violently, painfully morphing into monsters.

But if the shirtless beefcake beasts of last year's blockbuster *Twilight* sequel *New Moon* make you long for these more feral fiends of yore, take heart: Joe Johnson's hirsute horror-show *The Wolfman* is both a tribute to the melancholy Universal original and the gory, effects-soaked spectacles of the 1980's (*American Werewolf* FX guru Rick Baker even created the transformation scenes).

"Men love his power and women are attracted to his danger," says Timpone of the iconic monster. "So yeah, bring on the beast!"



The Wolfman, starring Benicio Del Toro, follows in the footsteps of classics such as *An American Werewolf in London* (inset).

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Dear John

Director: Lasse Hallstrom

Stars: Channing Tatum, Amanda Seyfried

Classification: PG

Rating: ☹☹

PHIL BROWN
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REVIEW Dear John is the latest romantic weepy adapted from a novel by Nicolas Sparks (*A Walk To Remember*, *The Notebook*). Like all previous movies to spring from his sentimental pen, *Dear John* doesn't take place in the reality.

Instead it's set in Sparks' fantasy world where everyone is impossibly nice and tragedies exist only to prompt personal growth.

If you like watching pretty actors mope around and pine for each other with virginal purity and no emotional complexity, then this movie is for you. It's the cinematic equivalent of a Hallmark card: cheap, sentimental, and instantly disposable.

The film follows two twentysomethings named John and Savannah who embark on a two-week summer love affair. He's an army lad on leave with a mildly autistic father and she's a sensitive college student with an interest in



Channing Tatum and Amanda Seyfried star in *Dear John*.

mental illness.

In sort, they are made (or written) for each other and their relationship blooms through snail mail as John serves in the army. John's plan to come home is interrupted by 9/11 and he re-enlists, but she can't wait any longer.

This leads to heartbreak until it turns out the Savannah falls for the one man who John can accept because he suffers from cancer and therefore wins audience sympathy by default. Sounds just like real life, doesn't it?

Dear John is hard to take seriously. Director Lasse Hallstrom clearly had a decent budget to work with and turns in a glossy adap-

tation that's one further step removed from reality. It also doesn't help that the device of having the couple's relationship build through letters doesn't translate well to the screen.

Still, if you're someone who loves to cry through movies, this one is made for you. With long passages dedicated to war torn lovers, autism, cancer and Sept. 11, it's like getting four melodramas for the price of one.

That's a real bargain that will either take you to hankie heaven or send you running from the theatre. • For a trailer of *Dear John*, photos and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies

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From Paris with mess

From Paris with Love

Director: Pierre Morel

Stars: John Travolta, Jonathan Rhys Meyers

Classification: 14A

Rating: ●●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



From Paris with Love sees action guru Luc Besson (Leon: The Professional) reunite with Pierre Morel in an attempt to repeat the surprise success that they had with last year's Taken.

This time the producer/director team have embraced a lighter tone by pairing two Johns (Travolta and Rhys Meyers) in an action buddy comedy set in Paris.

On paper the film sounds like it could be a fun explosion and one-liner packed romp, but sadly it doesn't live up to those expectations. There's a resounding sense that we've seen it all

before and the two lead actors are distractingly miscast.

Jonathan Rhys Meyers plays an uptight go-getter trying to worm his way into the CIA who is assigned to escorting John Travolta's experienced special agent through a bullet-filled trip to Paris. Rhys Meyers insists on doing everything by the book, but Travolta just can't play by the rules. Sound familiar? It is. The only difference is that in this rendition of the well-worn tale, Travolta seems to be playing a gangsta complete with a shaved head, bling, and slang that the actor doesn't seem to understand.

The action is fast, furious, and entertaining, but without characters worth caring about it amounts to little more than loud noises.

There is fun to be had watching all the big budget shenanigans, but it can be hard to sit through the tired "snappy" dialogue scenes between the shootouts.

The movie is a mess. It's an entertaining mess that admittedly some might enjoy as braindead fun, but one that will be quickly forgotten.

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John Travolta, right, and Jonathan Rhys Meyers star in From Paris with Love.

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With Avatar being such a giant hit, it comes as no surprise that director James Cameron sees a sequel coming soon. "I haven't started thinking about the story yet, although I have a general story arc for it," Cameron said. **POPEATER.COM**

Reel Time

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Romance written in stars

Director gathers huge A-list cast for Valentine's

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

To wrangle an all-star cast as large as the one in *Valentine's Day*, it takes a very particular director, and TV and film veteran Garry Marshall was just the man for the job.

The king of the romantic comedy, with films like *Pretty Woman*, *Runaway Bride*, *Frankie & Johnny* and *Overboard* under his belt, the 75-year-old writer, director and merry prankster knew just what the trick for getting the most impressive cast of big-name actors



Patrick Dempsey and Jennifer Garner are among the many stars paired up in *Valentine's Day*.

Valentine's Day opens next Friday

possible. "I always like to shoot in L.A., because in that case you usually pick up the mothers," Marshall says, grinning. "We get a list of those people, we know they might be around. I was glad to see Julia Roberts, because she

was about to take her family to India, so I said, 'Why don't you stay in the neighbourhood for a few days here? We'll do a picture.'" Re-teaming with Roberts was a particular treat. "Julia's just so calm now and centred and together," Marshall says of his leading lady.

Autism doc lacks flow

The Horse Boy

Director: Michael Orion Scott
Stars: Rupert Isaacson
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



A scene from *The Horse Boy*.

REVIEW When little Rowan Isaacson was diagnosed with autism, his parents Rupert and Kristin were shocked by medical practitioners' inability to explain the condition.

Instead of becoming frustrated by their son's inconsolable tantrums, the well-traveled couple saw Rowan's autism as a "gateway to adventure" and set off to Mongolia where Rupert (who previously witnessed shamanic healing as a journalist) sought refuge for his son in the nation where shamanism is a "state religion."

As such, *The Horse Boy* documents the family's extraordinary journey riding

horseback across the Mongolian plains, enduring bizarre shamanic rituals and visiting "healing springs." The result is stunning, even if the film's insights are not. With some pacing problems and little tension, *The Horse Boy* succeeds more as a testament to parental love than it does as cinematic drama.

However, with a charming trio of loving subjects and some slyly-placed experts discussing the nature of autism, *The Horse Boy* will surely enlighten audiences if not fully answer the elusive questions that plagued the Isaacson family in the first place.

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Sparks king of crying game

InFocus**Richard Crouse**

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One and Dear John, which comes to the big screen this weekend starring the sad-eyed Amanda Seyfried.

His best known work is The Notebook, a cross-generational love story that spent over a year as a New York Times hardcover top seller.

Inspired by the story of his wife's grandparents' sixty-year marriage, the novel became a 2004 movie starring Canadians Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams. The tale of love and Alzheimer's is emotionally manipulative — writer Gary Panton called this passionate tearjerker “mushier than a mushed-up bowl of mushy peas that's just been mushed in an industrial-strength mushifier” — but opening weekend it surfed a wave of tears to the box office top five.

Less seen was Nights in Rodanthe, a gusher about a doctor who courts an unhappy married woman. Summed up as “the cine-



The Notebook, based on Nicholas Sparks' bestselling novel, made stars out of Canadians Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams. The film version of Dear John hits theatres today.

matic equivalent of a Harlequin novel with a pack of tissues shoved into the back cover,” the movie reunited Diane Lane and Richard Gere after joint appearances in The Cotton Club and Unfaithful.

Critics haven't warmed to Sparks's stories on film — A Walk to Remember only has a 27 per cent approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes — but audiences can't seem to get enough of his weepy tales of unrequit-

ed love, lost love, mature love and love in a time of trouble.

Four of his books have already been adapted for the movies, two more are being released this year and there is one each scheduled for

“Mushier than a mushed-up bowl of mushy peas that's just been mushed in an industrial-strength mushifier.”

Writer Gary Panton's description of The Notebook

2011 and 2012.

His style of romance has caught on, but don't call him a romance writer.

“I write dramatic fiction. If you go into a further subgenre, it would be a love story, but it has its roots in the Greek tragedies. This genre evolved through Shakespeare. He did Romeo and Juliet. Hemingway did A Farewell to Arms. I do this currently today.”

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Dear John (PG) Fri 4:10-6:45-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:30
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The Lovely Bones (PG) Fri-Sun 6:35-9:30 Mon-Thu 8:10
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 3:45-6:40-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:45-6:40-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:25
When in Rome (PG) No Passes Fri 4:30-7-9:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:40-3-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:20

GARNEAU THEATRE

8712 - 109 St., 780-433-2212

Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 2:6-45-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:15

METRO CINEMA

Zeidler Hall, Citadel Theatre Complex, 9828-101 Ave., 780-425-9212, metrocinema.org

The Horse Boy (PG) Fri 9 Sat 7 Sun 9 Mon 7
Liverpool (STC) Fri 7 Sun 7 Mon 9
Made in Edmonton: Visual Acoustics (STC) Wed 8
Metro Digital Shorts (STC) Sat 9
Reeling: The MZD Badlands Project (STC) Thu 9
Stern Cell Experiment Does 1: Variations on the Home Movie (STC) Thu 7

MOVIES 12

5074 130 Ave., 780-472-9779

2012 (PG) Fri-Sat 1:10-4:20-7:35-11:15 Sun-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:35
3 Idiots (PG) Fri-Sat 12:50-4:10-7:45-11:05 Sun-Thu 12:50-4:10-7:45
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sat 9:30-11:50 Sun-Thu 9:30
Creation (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-6:50-9:25
Daybreakers (18A) Fri-Sat 1:50-4:50-7:25-10:12-12:20 Sun-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:25-10:12
Did You Hear About the Morgans? (PG) Fri-Sat 1:35-4:15-7:10-9:35-11:55 Sun-Thu 1:35-4:15-7:10-9:35
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:40-6:45-9:20
Law Abiding Citizen (18A) Fri-Sat 1:45-4:45-7:20-9:55-12:10 Sun-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:20-9:55
Planet 51 (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:15
Rann (PG) Fri-Thu 7-9:50
The Road (14A) Fri-Sat 1:25-4:25-7:05-9:40-12 Sun-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:05-9:40
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:6-55-9:50-12:15 Sun-Thu 1:20-4:6-55-9:50
Veer (14A) Fri-Sat 1:45-7:40-11 Sun-Thu 1:45-7:40
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:35

NORTH EDMONTON CINEMAS

14231 137th Ave., 780-732-2236

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-4:20-6:45
Avatar 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:15-4:15-6:30-8:15-10
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:30
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:30
Dear John (PG) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:7-9:45 Wed 4:7-9:45 Thu 1:20-4:7-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-7:10-10:05
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:50-10:20
It's Complicated (14A) Fri-Sun 3:20-6:35-9:20 Mon-Thu 9
Leap Year (PG) Fri-Sun 1
Legion (18A) Fri-Thu 2:5-8:10:40
The Lovely Bones (PG) Fri-Sun 9
The Metropolitan Opera: Simon Boc-



Mel Gibson plays a detective trying to solve his daughter's murder in Edge of Darkness.



Josh Duhamel and Kristen Bell star in When In Rome.

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Race Across the Sky (STC) Sun 1
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Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:50-9:40

When in Rome (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-4:50-7:20-9:50

PRINCESS I & II

10337 Whyte Ave., 780-433-0728
The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG) Fri 9:10 Sat-Sun 3:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 9:10
Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire (14A) Fri 6:50 Sat-Sun 1:6-50 Mon-Thu 6:50

A Single Man (STC) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 3:15-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9

The Young Victoria (PG) Sat-Sun 1:15

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8882 170th St., 780-444-2400

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Tue 11:50-2:15 Wed 11:50-2:15

Avatar 3D (PG) Fri 12:45-2:45-6:30-8:45-10:15 Sat 12:2-2:45-6:30-7:30-10:15-10:45 Sun-Thu 12:45-2:45-6:30-8:45-10:15
Avatar: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri 11:45-3:15-7:10-10:30 Sat 10:12-4:45-8:10-11:30 Sun-Thu 11:45-3:15-7:10-10:30
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SOUTH EDMONTON COMMON

1525 99th St., 780-436-8585

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Tue 12:45-3:20-6:45 Wed 12:45-3:20 Thu 12:45-3:20-6:45
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Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:25 Sun 4:40-7:30-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:25
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TELUS WORLD OF SCIENCE

Edmonton Space And Science Centre, 1121-142 St., 780-451-3344

Amazon (STC) Wed 2
Beavers (STC) Sun 11 Tue 10
Bugs! (STC) Mon 10 Wed 11
Coral Reef Adventure (G) Tue 11
Dinosaurs Alive! (STC) Fri-Sun 2-4 Thu 10
Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk (STC) Fri 6 Sat 12-6 Sun 12
Greece: Secrets of the Past (STC) Mon 2
The Human Body (STC) Tue 1 Thu 2
Hurricane on the Bayou (STC) Mon 1 Thu 11
India: Kingdom of the Tiger (STC) Fri 11-3-7 Sat 11-3-5-7 Sun 1-3-5 Mon-Thu 3
Mystic India (STC) Mon 11 Wed 10
Space Station (G) Wed 1
Whales (STC) Tue 2
Wild Ocean (STC) Fri 10

WESTMOUNT CENTRE

111 Ave. & Groat Rd., 403-455-8726

The Blind Side (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 6:25-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:25-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 5:20-8:20
Dear John (PG) DTS Digital Fri 6:55-9:30 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:30-4:55-9:30 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:30-8:30
Invictus (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 6:40-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 12:45-3:50-6:40-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 5:10-8:10
Tooth Fairy (G) DTS Digital Fri 7:10-9:50 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:15-4:7-10-9:50 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:8

GRANDIN THEATRES

101-22 Sir Winston Churchill Ave., St. Albert, 780-458-9822

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:05
Avatar (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:20-9:15
Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:35-5:35-7:40-9:40
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:15-5:20-7:30-9:45
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 1:3-5-7-9
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Thu 5:05-7:15-9:20

GALAXY CINEMAS

SHERWOOD PARK
 2020 Sherwood Dr., Sherwood Park 780-416-0152

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri 4:45-7:30 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-4:45-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
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Extraordinary Measures (PG) Fri-Thu 9:50
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 4:30-7:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-4:30-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:10
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Race Across the Sky (STC) Sun 1
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When in Rome (PG) Fri 3:50-6:45-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:50-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:40

PARKLAND CINEMA

130 Century Crossing, Spruce Grove 780-962-2332

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Avatar (PG) Fri-Sun 2:7-30 Mon 7:30 Tue 2:7-30 Wed-Thu 7:30
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4702 50th St., Leduc 780-986-2728

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Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 1:05-3:20-7:05-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:20

The Billboard 200

1. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum, right; 2. Hope for Haiti Now, Various Artists; 3. The Fame, Lady Gaga; 4. I Dreamed A Dream, Susan Boyle; The Greatest Love Songs Of All Time, Barry Manilow. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Music

Hot Chip takes One Life Stand

Electro-pop act finds success on club scene

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Among all of the brash, oversexed dance music out there — Ke\$ha and Lady Gaga to name two — lives a mild manner British act that's taken the club scene by storm.

Hot Chip aren't you're typical band, they're quiet family men for the most part, but their inventive electro sounds and infectious melodies have made them one of the most sought after acts around.

Owen Clarke, who plays guitar, bass and synth in the five-piece, admits that they don't fit in with their contemporaries, and while they're not quite outsiders as one of his bandmates once said, they've never been part of a specific scene.

"There are usually a few scenes going on at once that are quite overblown," he says as he sits on a train in England. "Some of it is overblown. We're making records for ourselves. We're not quite outsiders, but Hot Chip is

kind of an island."

That island is growing, as more and more fans, particularly in North America, get to know the band. Their last disc, Made in the Dark peaked at No. 109 on the Billboard 100 chart and reached No. 2 on Billboard's Top Electronic Albums chart.

Clarke chalks up the group's overseas success — something that eludes many U.K. acts — to the advantage of

Owen Clarke

been rammed down anyone's throats and played lots of shows in the States in various forms over the years. That's something new bands will have trouble achieving — people want the next shiny thing, but we've been lucky because it never made sense for everyone to get it. We've always antagonized some people and others really like it."

With all their recent success, you might think the band would try to emulate their popular last record, but instead the

group has made a pretty significant departure. One Life Stand is filled with soft soul songs and saccharine lyrics about love. There are some familiar dance tracks, complete with blips and synth, but a song like Slush, which sounds a lot like an old, Elvis-style R&B track, is something totally different.



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to do with the band's

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recording schedule. They took a year off touring to focus on writing music and, says Clarke, they didn't spend much time listening to other acts.

"We wrote almost in

isolation," he says. "That meant other influences emerged. Soul has always been on our previous records, but other things, maybe more grabby elements, stopped people from hearing that."

Because of the longer writing process, his co-workers have said that One Life Stand is their most complete record yet. Clarke agrees. "The last record was

sprawling and almost felt two sided," he says. "It was an attempt to do a double disc without making two albums. It shifted wildly in references, sonically and lyrically. This one synthesizes those areas more."



Inventive electro sounds and infectious melodies have made Hot Chip one of the most sought after acts around. The British five piece released new album One Life Stand earlier this week.

Winnipeg band stars in Super Bowl ad

BANDS A Winnipeg ska band used to playing dark, intimate clubs is preparing to perform before an audience of several million football fans.

The high-energy band the Afterbeat is making its national TV debut in a Budweiser commercial set to air in Canada during the Super Bowl on Sunday.

For band members who have been slaving away the last few years at day jobs while trying to build on their loyal following of fans, the chance to play their song Rude Boy before millions could be the big break they've been hoping for. Even if they're on screen for just 30 seconds.

"We're trying so hard to get our name out there," said lead singer and guitarist Mike Reis.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Setting a musical course with the new Apple iPad

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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Now that Steve Jobs has shown us the iPad, let's speculate on what it might mean for music.

The resurrection of album artwork: The awesome screen could not only bring back album artwork and liner notes, but why not full-motion displays for each song? Interactive liner

notes? Parallel song-by-song commentary by the artist or producer that runs through the album just like we have with DVDs?

Soundtracks to books: Book publishers should start hiring music supervisors to compile soundtracks for books they'll soon sell in the iBook store. Can you imagine what a Nick Hornby book might sound like? Naturally, they should make it easy to buy these songs as you read.

More impulse purchases: Last year, I made 97 purchases through the iTunes store, mostly on whims. With an iPad, I can see myself buying even more as I read iBooks and watch

"Yes, the iPad has its doubters, but so did the iPod. And that turned out fine, didn't it?"

downloaded TV shows. Want that mournful song playing under Meredith's soliloquy in the last act of Grey's Anatomy? Just tap to buy. Same with movie soundtracks. If I'm in the music licensing business either as a music supervisor or a publisher, all I see is dollar signs.

The end of traditional printed music magazines: Newspapers are already talking about making their

content available on the iPad. So are magazine publishers. Why wait for that monthly issue of Rolling Stone — better yet, those British music mags that take months to make it to Chapters — when you can subscribe to each of them as a service? Constantly updating music magazines with video and interactive features? I'm in.

New Opportunities for traditional radio: Like most iPods (the most current Nano an exception), there's no provision of any kind of old-school radio listening. It's expected that if you want radio, you'll listen to the online stream. There's a huge opportunity for radio

companies to adapt their broadcasting models to provide not only real-time streams of their programming but an untold number of services on demand.

With the iPod function, we'll get whatever music we want whenever we want it wherever we are. What about all the other things radio stations offer? Weather? Traffic? Want to hear the morning show again? No problem.

Yes, the iPad has its doubters, but so did the iPod. And that turned out fine, didn't it?

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com



Why wait for the next issue of Rolling Stone magazine to be delivered when you can get it right away on the iPad? Traditional magazines are taking notice of the new gadget.

Melissa Rycroft has a new job. The former Bachelor and Dancing With the Stars contestant will be a special correspondent with Entertainment Tonight. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Television

Brilliant, passionate and autistic

HBO film explores the unique life story of renowned scientist Temple Grandin

When actress Catherine O'Hara came face-to-face with the remarkable woman whose life story is told in the made-for-TV movie, Temple Grandin, she says she was overcome with a desire to hug the brilliant scientist.

Trouble is, she knew that Grandin's autism meant she had an intense aversion to being touched. "When you hear her story, you really do, you just want to hug this woman," the gregarious O'Hara exclaims during a recent stop in Toronto to promote the film.

"Just because she's amazing and you want to be as near to her as you can be."

Her recent meeting with the renowned scientist is top-of-mind as she discusses her latest film, Temple Grandin, airing Saturday on HBO Canada.

She says the encounter

ended with Grandin and the cast arm-in-arm for a group photo, and says that as Grandin's fame has risen, so too has her tolerance for fans who want to be near her.

O'Hara plays Grandin's Aunt Ann in the film, which traces an incredible story of perseverance and passion.

The movie begins with

Temple Grandin airs Saturday on HBO Canada

Grandin as a frustrated teen labelled unteachable, and follows her blossoming interest in science and a unique em-

pathy for animals that eventually makes her an expert on animal behaviour and autism.

Claire Danes plays Grandin, a task that involved adopting a slew of quirky mannerisms that include a heavy-footed gait, childlike enthusiasm and an odd, declarative speaking tone.

"She's just so totally this woman," O'Hara marvels.

She's so convincing as the autistic genius that viewers may at first have a hard time getting beyond the bizarre mannerisms to surrender to the story, O'Hara allows.

"If you're in comedy, people run with you with that but I think it'll probably take a moment," says O'Hara.

O'Hara's Aunt Ann owns a cattle farm where Grandin spends the summer as a teen. It's there



Catherine O'Hara, left, and Claire Danes star in the story of brilliant scientist Temple Grandin.

that the curious animal lover develops a fascination for cows and their mannerisms, and takes note of such peculiarities as the movement of a horse's ears and the different types of moos that cows make.

From there, Grandin goes on to study animal behaviour at university and

develops a new way of cattle handling that revolutionizes the way livestock is raised for slaughter. She's now professor of animal science at Colorado State University, the author of an array of books and a frequent speaker on autism.

"It's a really great, interesting strong, funny story

where I personally learned so much about cows and what they need and how they think," says O'Hara, noting that Grandin has designed over half the slaughterhouses in North America and tours the world speaking on ways to handle cows humanely.

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- 1 lb. (450 g) lean ground beef
- 4 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2/3 cup Cheez Whiz Process Cheese Product
- 1 pkg. (235 g) refrigerated crescent dinner rolls

Make it

HEAT oven to 400°F.

BROWN ground beef with bacon and onions in large skillet; drain. Stir in Cheez Whiz; cook until melted, stirring frequently. Cool 10 min.

UNROLL dough onto baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray.

Press into 14x7-inch rectangle, firmly pressing seams and perforations together to seal. Cover with meat mixture. Roll up dough, starting at 1 long side. Rearrange, if necessary, so roll is seam-side down on baking sheet.

BAKE 20 to 25 min. or until golden brown.

THIS WEEK ON THE SHOW – BOYS' NIGHT ► whatscookingtv.com

Taylor had Grammy tech troubles

PERFORMANCE The head of Taylor Swift's record label is fired up and ready to defend his superstar from people who are criticizing her Grammy-night performance.

"She is the voice of this generation. She speaks directly to (her fans), and they speak directly back to her," said Big Machine Records CEO Scott Borchetta in a telephone interview.

"This is not American Idol. This is not a competition of getting up and seeing who can sing the highest note. This is about a true artist and writer and communicator. It's not about that technically perfect performance."

Borchetta first responded to the backlash in the Tennessee. Asked by The Associated Press why he felt the need to defend Swift, he said because the criticism was "just over the top."

Swift rehearsed her performance and duet with Stevie Nicks two different times at the Staples Center in Los Angeles in front of a crowd of people. Critics were nicer then. Entertainment Weekly wrote of the rehearsal, "The two women's voices complemented each other nicely on the harmonies

of Rhiannon ..."

But on Sunday night's Grammy show, Borchetta said Swift had a technical issue that made her worry about her performance. (Attempts to reach the Recording Academy went unanswered.)

"We had a volume problem in the ear. So, she was concerned that she wasn't able to hear everything in the mix," Borchetta said. "That's just part of live TV. ... So you're going to have difficulties on occasion. Unfortunately, on one of the biggest stages, we did have a technical issue. She couldn't hear herself like she had in rehearsal."

As quickly as you could say Fearless, bloggers and media outlets, including the New York Times and the Washington Post, pounced on

Swift's performance. The chatter at times overshadowed the four Grammys she won — including album of the year.

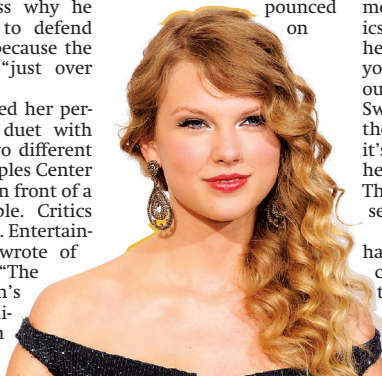
Borchetta said he doesn't need critics to give the 20-year-old the benefit of the doubt: "What we have is so much bigger than that. Am I going to ask them to turn their heads, no, I don't need them to."

It's doubtful her fans will abandon Swift anytime soon, judging by the congratulations and positive comments on her Facebook and MySpace pages, or that those with tickets to the second leg of her sold-out Fearless tour will throw them away because she had a bad night.

And Borchetta has a message to all of her critics. "If you haven't seen her live performance, you're welcome to come out as my guest to a Taylor Swift show and experience the whole thing, because it's amazing. You can see her in her element. There's a reason tickets are selling like they are."

Swift's Fearless album has sold over five million copies and was last year's top-selling album. She will resume the Fearless tour March 4 in Tampa, Fla.

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Stewart-O'Reilly showdown

Comic Jon Stewart told conservative TV host Bill O'Reilly that he has become the voice of sanity on Fox News Channel, although "that's like being the thinnest kid at fat camp."

The host of The Daily Show and Fox's kingpin exchanged some good-natured shots Wednesday during Stewart's appearance on a network he relishes mocking. Stewart tossed off jokes but also criticized Fox for being a "cyclonic perpetual motion machine" opposing President Barack Obama.

"They have taken reasonable concerns about this president and this economy and turned it into a full-fledged panic attack about the next coming of Chairman Mao," Stewart said.

O'Reilly said the Obama attacks were primarily coming from Sean Hannity and Glenn Beck, who have two of the highest-rated programs on Fox. O'Reilly called Beck an "everyman."

"He just spouts," O'Reilly said. "He spouts for what he believes. If you think Beck spouts for the Republican Party, you're out of your

mind." Fox cut off the taped interview at that point, saying more would be shown Thursday.

Both men have appeared on each other's show before, but it was Stewart's first time back since 2004. O'Reilly annoyed Comedy Central by calling Stewart's audience primarily "stoned slackers"; on Wednesday, he amended it to "stoned slackers who love Obama."

Fox "is the most passionate and sells the clearest narrative of all the news networks, if ... you're still



John Stewart

referring to it in that manner," Stewart said.

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2	CFRN	239	318	etalk	Access H.	Flashpoint (DVS)		Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium (HDTV) (N)		CTV News
3	KHQ	-	370	News (N)	Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune	Law & Order: Fed		Dateline NBC		Jay Leno Show
4	CBXT	-	307	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Marketplace		CBC News: The fifth estate (N)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
6	KREM	-	372	News	Access H.	The Doctors (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium (HDTV) (N)		NUMB3RS
7	CKEM	241	347	Murdoch Mysteries		The Jay Leno Show (N)		Supernanny (N)		Man Tracker		EP Daily
8	CTV	240	339	ET Canada	Entertainment	NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)		House "Instant Karma"		Shark Tank (N)		News Hour
13	KXLY	-	371	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Supernanny (N)		Shark Tank (N)		20/20 (N)
16	KAYU	-	373	The Office	Raymond	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	House "Instant Karma"		Kitchen Nightmares (N)		News
22	KSPS	-	374	PBS NewsHour (N)		Washington	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		NOW on PBS		Coronation
15	CBNC	502	-	CBC News: The National		Hyper Parents & Coddled Kids		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		Hyper Parents
14	CTV	501	391	CTV News Tonight		CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
20	TSN	400	400	Curling Scotias Tournament of Hearts. (Live)		SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		Off the Record	24/7 Jimmie	Strongest Man		Flames in Hour
23	net	408	418	NHL Hockey		Sportsnet Con.		Hockey Central	Flames Week	Sportsnet Connected (HDTV)		Flames in Hour
47	SPEED	417	406	NASCAR	NASCAR Live	NASCAR Racing		Score Now	Score Rewind	NASCAR Smart	Trackside at Daytona (HDTV)	
94	SCORE	410	403	(6) WWE SmackDown!		X-Fighters		Score Now	Score Rewind	WWE SmackDown!		
14	YTV	552	543	iCarly	To Be Indie	Zoom * (2006, Comedy) Tim Allen, Spencer Breslin.		That's-Weird	Fries That?	Prank Patrol		
17	TREE	553	546	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos	Babar	Big & Small	Max & Ruby	Dragon (DVS)	That's-Weird	Fries That?	Prank Patrol
45	FAM	557	541	Zeke & Luther	Jonas	Sonny Chance	The New Adventures of Spin and Marty			The Thirteenth Year ** (1999, Drama)		
25	A&E	615	520	Criminal Minds	(HDTV)	Criminal Minds	(HDTV)	Criminal Minds	(HDTV)	(10:01) Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds
29	FOOD	603	561	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay
32	DISC	520	505	Man vs. Wild "Texas"		Somali Pirate Takedown		Daily Planet		Man vs. Wild "Texas"		Dirty Jobs
38	SPIKE	628	584	Best of PRIDE Fighting		Best of PRIDE Fighting		Ways to Die	Ways to Die	MANswers	UFC 109 Countdown	
39	AMC	-	-	(6) Space Cowboys *** (2000, Adventure)		Space Cowboys *** (2000, Adventure) Clint Eastwood.		InnerSpace	Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers (1995, Horror)			
43	SPACE	627	528	Sanctuary (N) (DVS)		Caprica (N)		InnerSpace	Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers (1995, Horror)			
50	STAR	621	56	The View (HDTV) (N)		The Dr. Oz Show (N)		TMZ	etalk	Access H.	Extra	Dr. Oz Show
161	SUPER	-	-	Shrink ** (2009, Drama) Kevin Spacey, Robin Williams.				Waltzing Anna ** (2006, Comedy-Drama), Pat Hingle				Bangkok Dngr

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3	KHQ	-	370	News (N)	Judge Judy	CSI: NY (HDTV)		Mercy "Wake Up, Bill"		Law & Order: Shotgun		Law & Order
4	CBXT	-	307	NHL Hockey		NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Colorado Avalanche. (HDTV) (Live)		Front of the Class (2008, Docudrama) Patricia Heaton.		HNIC: After Hours		48 Hours Myst.
6	KREM	-	372	News	Scrubs	Grey's Anatomy		Tipping Point (2007, Suspense) Kathryn Winnick. (DVS)		Love-Death	D-Spot	News Final (N)
7	CKEM	241	347	Cooking	Most Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone *** (2001, Fantasy)		House "Ugly"		News
8	CTV	240	339	renewedepress	Jane Show	Safe Harbor (2006, Suspense) Tracey Gold.		Driving Miss Daisy **** (1989, Comedy-Drama)		National	Mansbridge	Future Earth
13	KXLY	-	371	4 News at 6	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight		Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone *** (2001, Fantasy)		House "Ugly"		News
16	KAYU	-	373	NASCAR Racing		TwoHalf Men		Bones (HDTV)		House "Ugly"		News
22	KSPS	-	374	The Lawrence Welk Show		May-December	Time Goes By	National	News: At Issue	National	Mansbridge	Future Earth
15	CBNC	502	-	National	Mansbridge	Future Earth: 2025		National	News: At Issue	National	Mansbridge	Future Earth
54	CTV	501	391	CTV News Weekend		CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
20	TSN	400	400	Curling		SportsCentre (Live)		Best Damn Top 50 Special		Saturday Night Poker		Sportsnet Con.
47	SPEED	417	406	English Premier League Soccer	Tottenham vs. Aston Villa.	NASCAR Victory Lane		ARCA RE/MAX Series Racing Daytona. (HDTV)		Score Now		Touring Car
94	SCORE	410	403	Score Now	Footy Show	Hockey Saturday		Score Now		Score Now		Score Now
14	YTV	552	543	Superman: Brainiac Attacks (2006)		League-Evil		Amer. Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This
17	TREE	553	546	Bucket-Dinos	Toopy & Binoo	Maggie-Beast	Waybuloo	Little Bear	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	Go, Diego, Go!
45	FAM	557	541	(7:01) Jonas	Overruled!	SuiteDeck	Zoe 101	Suite Life	Han, Montana	The Rookie *** (2002, Drama)		
25	A&E	615	520	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Rio" (HDTV)		(10:01) CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami
29	FOOD	603	561	Chopped "Sticking to It"		Top Chef Masters		The Word		The River Cottage Treatment		Chopped
32	DISC	520	505	Dirty Jobs: Egg Farm		Vermintors (N)		Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Dirty Jobs: Egg Farm		Destroyed
38	SPIKE	628	584	UFC 109: Preliminaries		Blue Mountain	Blue Mountain	Blue Mountain	Blue Mountain	Blue Mountain	Blue Mountain	Blue Mountain
39	AMC	-	-	(6) Silverado *** (1985, Western) Kevin Kline.		Silverado *** (1985, Western) (HDTV) Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn.		Silverado *** (1985, Western) (HDTV) Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn.		(9:20) Android Apocalypse (2006) (DVS)		
43	SPACE	627	528	Children of Men **** (2006, Science Fiction) Clive Owen.								
50	STAR	621	56	Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew	Britain's Next Top Model	Sexiest Body Parts		TMZ (N)		Swingers		
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3	KHQ	-	370	News	Mark Fev	The Biggest Loser Strenuous bike challenge.		Poison: Third Girl (2008, Mystery) David Suchet.		CBC News: The National		Carbon Hunter
4	CBXT	-	307	Heartland (HDTV) (DVS)		Undercover Boss (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles		Cold Case (HDTV)		KREM 2 News
6	KREM	-	372	NFL Football: Super Bowl XLIV		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Cougar Town	News Final (N)
7	CKEM	241	347	Murdoch Mysteries		Brothers & Sisters		The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	American Dad	News Final (N)
8	CTV	240	339	16:9-Picture	Family	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	American Dad	News
13	KXLY	-	371	News	Cougar Basket	Til Death		The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	American Dad	News
16	KAYU	-	373	House "Ugly"		Til Death		Masterpiece Classic (N)		Spokane's 21st Century Fox		MI-5
22	KSPS	-	374	Magic Moments: The Best of 50's Pop		Conspiracy Files: Bin Laden		Conspiracy Files		CBC News: The National		Conspiracy
15	CBNC	502	-	CBC News: The National		CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
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20	TSN	400	400	Sid vs. Alexander		Boxing Jelena Mordjenovich vs. Ann Saccurato.		Dangerous Drives (HDTV)		Dangerous Drives (HDTV)		Drives
23	net	408	418	Skating		Dangerous Drives (HDTV)		Score Now		Score Now		Score Now
47	SPEED	417	406	Dangerous Drives (HDTV)		Score Now		Score Now		Score Now		Score Now
94	SCORE	410	403	(6) MMA Fight Night		Brandon Routh, Kate Bosworth, James Marsden.		Waybuloo	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	Go, Diego, Go!
14	YTV	552	543	Superman Returns *** (2006, Adventure)		Toot & Puddle	Callou	Suite Life	Han, Montana	Around the World in 80 Days ** (2004)		
17	TREE	553	546	Friend Rabbit	Miss Spider	SuiteDeck	Zoe 101	Suite Life	Han, Montana	(10:01) Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds
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25	A&E	615	520	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant Makeover		MythBusters		MythBusters
29	FOOD	603	561	Iron Chef America		MythBusters "Motorcycle Flip"		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.		CSI: Crime Scn
32	DISC	520	505	MythBusters		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.		Dances With Wolves (1990, Western)		
38	SPIKE	628	584	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.		Human Target (HDTV) (N)		The Fog *** (2005, Horror) Tom Welling, Maggie Grace.		Girl Next Door	Simple Life	Extra
39	AMC	-	-	(6) Dances With Wolves **** (1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Graham Greene.		Live at the Rehearsal Hall		Sons of Anarchy "Smile"		Make It Happen (2008, Drama), Riley Smith		
43	SPACE	627	528	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)								
50	STAR	621	56	To Be Announced								
161	SUPER	-	-	Men of a Certain Age		The Closer						

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Madonna is investing \$1.5 million US in Vita Coco, a Brazilian coconut water company, because of the effect it's had on her health, sources tell Fox News. "Madonna began drinking it in 2009 ... and it became her drink of choice," a source says. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Going Out

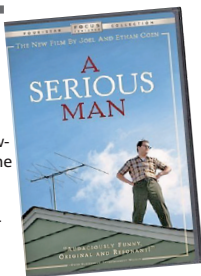
Metro's **7th Heaven**: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Super Bowl XLIV

EVENT When it comes to a North American sporting event, the Super Bowl hits the longest yard — the best parties, the best ads, the best cheerleaders and, this time, the best underdog story. The New Orleans Saints are in their first NFL grand finale and they carry with them the hopes of a battered city rising from the ashes of Hurricane Katrina. Good luck, Indianapolis.

2 A Serious Man

DVD The Coen Brothers get autobiographical. Well, sort of. The black comedy, centred around a Jewish professor, draws on the filmmakers' childhood experiences growing up in an academic household. The real-life similarities probably end there but there are enough Coen trademarks to make this one of their top works to date.



3 Kathryn Bigelow

DIRECTOR Who would have thought that director of Point Break would go on to make something like The Hurt Locker? Anyway, James Cameron's ex is the most talked-about filmmaker in Hollywood right now. She's already become the first person to win the top Director's Guild of American award. Can she repeat the feat come Oscar night?

4 Star Trek Online

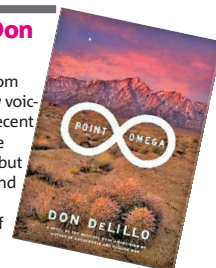
GAME It's a bit surprising that given the number of Trekkies out there this is the first online game from the franchise. Here's how it works: You start as a lowly ensign on the Starfleet and climb up the chain to become captain of the spaceship. Live out your Kirk fantasies and prosper.

5 Dear John

FILM Ladies, time to polish up the lachrymals. Channing Tatum (great reason to smile through the tears) and Amanda Seyfried star in this adaptation of "cry-fi" author Nicholas Sparks' book. Guys, just stick to the Super Bowl parties this weekend.

6 Point Omega: Don DeLillo

BOOK The 15th novel from one of the major literary voices of the last few decades. His recent works may not have reached the heights of White Noise or Libra but there's some positive buzz around this tale of a father coming to terms with the disappearance of his daughter.



7 Romance Is Boring: Los Campesinos!

ALBUM Glockenspiel solos? Check. Addictive mash of New Wave and twee pop? Check. Funny but abrasive lyrics? Check. If you want in on what hip kids are grooving to these days, this Welsh band's second full-length album is a must have.



Jackson's doctor negotiates surrender

The lawyer for Michael Jackson's doctor says he will surrender Friday, though it's not clear when he'll be arraigned.

Attorney Ed Chernoff said in a statement on his website late Thursday that Dr. Conrad Murray had agreed to surrender Friday.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore says Murray's arraignment will not take place Friday.

A district attorney's office spokeswoman was not immediately available for comment.

Murray has maintained that nothing he gave Jackson should have killed him.

Murray's arraignment was thought to be set for Friday afternoon, a person familiar with the planning had told The Associated Press.

The person declined to

Factors

- A law enforcement official told The Associated Press that officials from the Los Angeles Police Department, which spent the past seven months investigating Murray, were unhappy with the idea of him surrendering and wanted to arrest him.
- The official, who was not authorized to speak publicly and requested anonymity, says various factors weighed into the desire to arrest Murray, including the possibility he might flee before arraignment, as O.J. Simpson did.

be named because of the sensitivity of the situation.

Two law enforcement officials have told the AP prosecutors plan to charge Murray with involuntary manslaughter, alleging he gave Jackson a

powerful anesthetic that led to his June 25 overdose death at a rented mansion in Los Angeles.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the case.

Murray, who has a practice in Houston, came to Los Angeles last weekend and has been strategizing with his defence team.

Police have been investigating Murray since Jackson's death.

The doctor told detectives he'd given the singer a powerful anesthetic and other sedatives to get the chronic insomniac star to sleep.

Jackson, 50, died soon thereafter, and investigators have been gathering evidence to try to show Murray was negligent in administering the drugs.

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Mix of Six

Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street

When: Starting Saturday
Where: The Citadel Maclab Theatre

Adapted from the Broadway musical, this show features the original music by Stephen Sondheim. Show runs from Feb. 6-28.

5 Artists. One Love: Celebrating Black History Month

When: Starts Saturday
Where: TU Gallery

This month long exhibition features five black artists and with one common theme. Opening reception on Feb. 6 at 12 p.m. will have all the artists there to discuss their work.

I'll Show Ya Crazy!

When: Ends Sunday
Where: Catalyst Theatre

The final weekend for this two-person musical performance. Discount on tickets for students and seniors at TIX on the Square.

Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam

When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Rexall Place

Some of the biggest names in the Monster Truck Rally business take over Rexall for three shows over the weekend. Tickets still available through Ticketmaster.

AGGRESSION MMA Present: Vengeance

When: Friday, 7:00 p.m.
Where: Edmonton Expo Centre

Nine bouts on the fight card for this Mixed Martial Arts event. Visit www.aggressionmma.com for more info.

Susan Aglukark Concert

When: Friday 7:30 p.m.
Where: Myer Horowitz Theatre, University of Alberta

This three-time Juno Award winner brings her unique brand of music to the U of A campus. Tickets are only \$15 at TIX on the Square.



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Keys, Shakira tapped for NBA all-star game

Grammy Award-winning artists Alicia Keys and Shakira will perform during halftime of the NBA all-star game.

The league also announced Usher will perform at the Feb. 14 game at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Salinger took his material from hometown

J.D. Salinger supposedly spent the latter half of his life writing for his own pleasure, composing each day in a pine house in the hills that overlooked towering maple trees, plowed hay fields and the neighbouring mountains of Vermont.

The author of *The Catcher in the Rye*, who died last week at age 91, lived here for more than 50 years and continued to publish throughout his first decade in Cornish, releasing such fiction as *Franny* and *Zooey* and *Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters and Seymour: An Introduction*. But while he surely appreciated a setting that was "nice and peaceful," a wish Holden Caulfield expressed in *Catcher*, Salinger was essentially a cosmopolitan author who set much of his fiction on campuses and in his native New York City and the surrounding area.

The book world knows no greater mystery than what Salinger might have written since he stopped sharing his work with the public in the 1960s. Former neighbour Jerry Burt has said, and continues to say, that Salinger told him he was keeping a stack of manuscripts in a safe. Salinger's daughter, Margaret, and a former Salinger lover, Joyce May-



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Cornish, Vt. residents of J.D. Salinger spoke about about the author following his death. One called him a "good neighbour."

nard, have also claimed he had a secret stash at home.

With his longtime literary agency, Harold Ober Associates, Inc., declining comment on any possible

unreleased work, rumours of what Salinger wrote in his later New Hampshire life range from meditations on nutrition to continued adventures of the

"He was a good neighbour completely integrated into the town, with a real appreciation for young people."

Peter Burling
former neighbour

Glass family featured in much of his published work. But had he chosen to take on his immediate world, in Cornish, there would have been much — in the present and in the past — to inspire him.

He might have responded to the books about him, to the memoirs by his daughter and by Maynard that cast him as a crank and recluse in his Cornish years, an image foreign to the amiable and unassuming townsman fellow residents had encountered.

He might have chronicled his public life: the roast beef dinners at a church in nearby Windsor, Vt.; the Sunday trips (a little past 9 a.m., like clockwork, recalled neighbour Elizabeth Church) into town to buy *The New York Times*; visits to the auto shop and general store; the restoration overseen by Salinger's wife, Colleen, of

an old barn down the road.

"We kept hearing all the garbage about how weird he was," says Salinger neighbour and former state senator Peter Burling. "But he was a good neighbour completely integrated into the town, with a real appreciation for young people. When we were kids, we used to have picnics out on his fields and he never seemed to mind."

Salinger might have looked to the past. Cornish once was an artist colony that included founder Augustus Saint-Gaudens, the Beaux-Arts sculptor known for his Civil War generals and a bronze statue of Diana in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, and a novelist-painter named Winston Churchill who was later confused with the statesman of the same name, a standoff settled when the British Churchill agreed to use his middle initial "S." Salinger might have tried to capture in words Cornish painter Maxfield Parrish's winterish-blue landscapes, or been intrigued by painter George de Forest Brush's decision to live in a teepee on the grounds of Saint-Gaudens' home.

Or he might have embellished on recent headlines. In the Cornish hills was a true-to-life "phoney" worthy of Caulfield's scorn, a

German immigrant born Christian Karl Gerhartsreiter who called himself Clark Rockefeller and pretended to be part of the billionaire clan.

In neighbouring Plainfield lived Ed and Elaine Brown, who saw no good reason to pay federal taxes, a belief they acted upon by secluding themselves and building a defence of booby traps and 50-calibre sniper rifles.

"It's funny that so many people were focused on Salinger when you had these other incredible events going on," says Elizabeth Church, Salinger's neighbour.

Cornish residents, even those who spoke with him often, have no idea of what or whether Salinger wrote and are proud not to know. Revealing secrets in a small town can brand you for life, as fellow New Hampshire resident Grace Metalious learned in the 1950s when her tell-all novel of incest, murder and lust, *Peyton Place*, enraged the citizens of Gilmanton, 112 kilometres east of Cornish.

Salinger's neighbours and fellow Cornish residents speak of the trust between themselves and Salinger.

Neither spoke out of turn about the other.

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Diabetes played role in demise of heiress

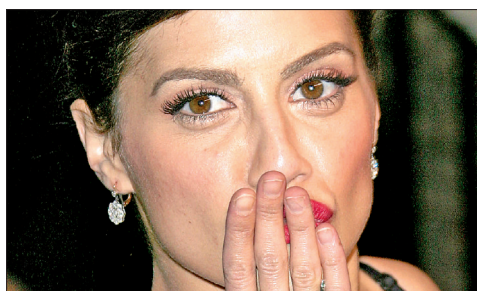
CORONER REPORT The Los Angeles County coroner says socialite Casey Johnson's death was related to diabetes.

The coroner announced Thursday that the death of the Johnson & Johnson heiress was caused by diabetic ketoacidosis — a life-threatening condition caused by lack of insulin and sky-high blood sugar.

The coroner conducted Johnson's autopsy Jan. 5. Her body was found a day earlier in her Los Angeles home.

The 30-year-old daughter of New York Jets owner Robert "Woody" Johnson lived a party life. In December, she announced her engagement to bisexual reality TV star Tila Tequila.

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Brittany Murphy died from pneumonia, but prescription drugs played a factor, a coroner said.

Prescriptions a factor in Brittany Murphy death

REPORT The Los Angeles County coroner says Brittany Murphy died from pneumonia but prescription drug intoxication was also a factor.

The coroner released its results Thursday.

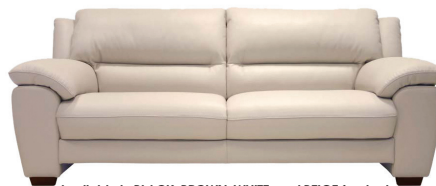
Spokesman Craig Harvey says the primary cause of Murphy's death was pneumonia, with secondary factors of iron-deficiency anemia and multiple drug intoxication. Harvey says the drugs ingested were all

prescription medications.

Harvey declined to say more about what types of drugs were involved. He says those details will be released in about two weeks when a complete report is ready. Murphy died Dec. 20 at age 32 after collapsing at her Hollywood Hills home. Her mother and husband have said that the actress didn't abuse prescription medications or have an eating disorder. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Brothers & Sisters star Sarah Jane Morris and her husband Ned Brower welcomed a baby boy on January 24, their rep confirms. Brower, drummer for the band Rooney, also announced the news on Facebook. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Baby boy Brower

Celebrity Buzz

Mixing biz with pleasure?

AN AGENT WITH AN AGENDA ... TO MEET WITH HIS CLIENT AND HAVE A MEAL. SO DEVIOUS Has Reese Witherspoon waded back into the dating pool?

People.com reports the Oscar winner, 33, shared dinner for two at Santa Monica's cozy Italian eatery Locanda Portofino last Thursday with Jim Toth, an agent at Hollywood's powerful Creative Artists



Agency.

After greeting each other with a hug and settling into a corner table, the pair "were very flirtatious throughout dinner," says a fellow diner.

"They were having a lot of fun, total-

ly getting along and laughing and talking the whole dinner. Reese seemed very happy.

She was smiling all dinner. The mood was upbeat and really good."

Witherspoon quietly split from actor Jake Gyllenhaal, 29, last December. After the nearly two-hour meal — for which Toth picked up the tab — the couple walked outside and parted ways around 11 p.m.

Witherspoon is a CAA client, and a source close to the actress maintains the night out was just business.

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Taking a bite out of V-Day

OUCH! THAT'S THE TRUTH HURTING Alex Meraz, a member of the hunky, shirtless wolf pack in New Moon, isn't afraid to bear his fangs at his famous costar Taylor Lautner, us-magazine.com reports.

Meraz, 25, took to his Twitter account to play armchair critic for Valentine's Day, the romantic comedy in which Lautner stars with Taylor swift, Jennifer Garner, and Julia Roberts, among other superstars. Meraz hasn't seen the film — but calls the preview "lame and desperate."

He Tweeted late Wednesday, "Sorry Taylor but the movie valentines

day looks lame and desperate it cries out

'look we have all the biggest starz in 1movie pleez watch!'"

Meraz backtracked just an hour later, writing, "P.S. it has nothing to do with the talented actors in the movie I just don't like the producer & Directors 'get rich quick skeem' nuff said."

And one hour after that, "talk about biting the hand that feeds me... but I'm a wolf for crying out loud! I'll be careful next time I spill twitter all over everyone."

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Jolie-Aniston beat down

SHE BEAT HER AND GOT THE GUY. SHE BEAT HER TO BEING A MOTHER. NOW SHE'S BEATING HER WITH A MILLION DOLLARS Angelina Jolie bests Jennifer Aniston — again. Jolie, 34, out earned Aniston, 40, in 2009, according to Vanity Fair's Hollywood's Top 40 list, us-maga-

zine.com reports.

Jolie came in at No. 32 on the list by making \$21 million US last year; \$20 million of that for her action thriller, Salt, which doesn't even hit theaters until next July. She made an extra mil in royalties from other films, the mag estimates.

Aniston isn't too far behind at No. 31. She earned \$20 million last year, but had to do a lot more work. Vanity Fair says she made \$8 million each for The Bounty Hunter and The Baster. She

banked \$3 million for 2008's Marley & Me thanks to back-end earnings of its \$243 million worldwide gross and DVD sales, and \$1 million from He's Just Not That Into You.

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He just wants to love

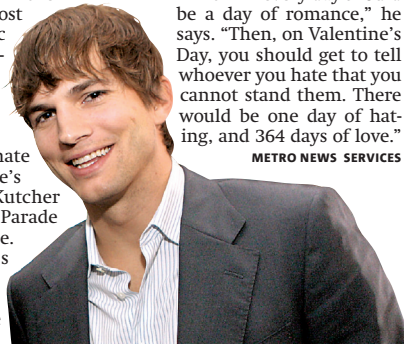
SEVEN DAYS A WEEK Demi Moore might be shocked to learn that her husband dislikes the year's most romantic day, people.com reports.

"I hate Valentine's Day," Kutcher tells Parade magazine. But it's not that he doesn't like

the lovey-dovey sentiment that is celebrated every Feb. 14.

"I think every day should be a day of romance," he says. "Then, on Valentine's Day, you should get to tell whoever you hate that you cannot stand them. There would be one day of hating, and 364 days of love."

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All the pretty hoarders

WHEN HER 'CAREER' TANKS SHE CAN SELL EVERYTHING ONLINE. OH WAIT, THAT'S ALREADY HAPPENING AT LOHAN-HOUSE.COM Is Lindsay Lohan a secret celebrity hoarder?

"I just need to get rid of ... stuff," the 23-year-old star says in a teaser for an exclusive interview on The Insider, popeater.com reports. "That's personal stuff that I have to work on."

That "stuff" has apparently taken over the

actress' home. According to The Insider, her bedroom has turned into a warehouse of shoes and her living room is filled with clutter, including racks upon racks of clothes.

In an interview with Niecy Nash — host of the Style Network' Clean House reality show — Lohan reveals she may be using hoarding as a coping mechanism for the estranged relationship she has with her father, Michael Lohan.

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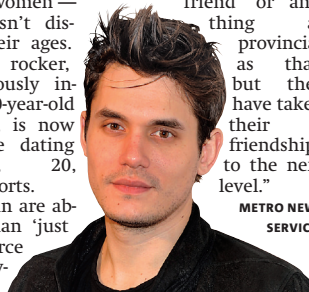
John 'Cradle Robber' Mayer

ICK. GROSS. EW, TAYLOR, NO!! John Mayer is known for dating beautiful women — and clearly doesn't discriminate on their ages. The 32-year-old rocker, who was previously involved with 40-year-old Jennifer Aniston, is now rumoured to be dating Taylor Swift, 20, popeater.com reports.

"Taylor and John are absolutely more than 'just friends,'" a source tells holly-

woodlife.com. "They aren't 'boyfriend and girlfriend' or anything as provincial as that, but they have taken their friendship to the next level."

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Cowell competes for top single

'CAUSE REALLY IT'S ALL JUST A BIG A POPULARITY CONTEST Simon Cowell is the top dog at many things, and now the music mogul wants to be the titan of another industry: The Haiti charity song biz, popeater.com reports.

Even when doing good, Simon Cowell can't let go of his competitive nature, and wants to make sure his all-star Haiti single is a big-

ger hit than Quincy Jones' re-recording of We Are The World.

So the stage is set to see if Cowell's cover version of REM's classic ballad Everybody Hurts — featuring Susan Boyle, Jon Bon Jovi, Mariah Carey and Michael Buble — will outsell Celine Dion and Barbra Streisand's version of We Are The World.

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Follow these celebrities on Twitter...

CelebTweets

EDDIE IZZARD is checking out the moon, **ALYSSA MILANO** has standards, **LADY GAGA** shows off a new tattoo for her fans, and **NEIL PATRICK HARRIS** has been misinformed.

@eddieizzard If you're in the LA area or even anywhere in Southern California, check out the moon. It has a massive ring around it from where Im looking

@Alyssa_Milano Twitter Tip: If you are vulgar, rude, gross, disrespectful or make me throw up in my mouth a little, I will block you.

@ladygaga look what i did last night. little monsters forever, on the arm that holds my mic.

@ActuallyNPH Heading to London in a bit. Can't wait to be there and soak in the warm weather. Get some sun. Here it's lovely this



All work and no play

YEAH, GOOD LUCK WITH THAT Amy Winehouse is going back to the Caribbean, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — who spent more than six months on the island of St. Lucia last year — is flying out to Jamaica later this month but has been warned by her record label not to treat the trip as a holiday.

"She'll fly out next week. She is really excited about going back because she loves the Caribbean so much," a source told The Sun newspaper. "But she's been told it's not a party. She has to work."

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Today
Mostly sunny
-3°C / -9°C



Saturday
Mostly sunny
-4°C / -11°C

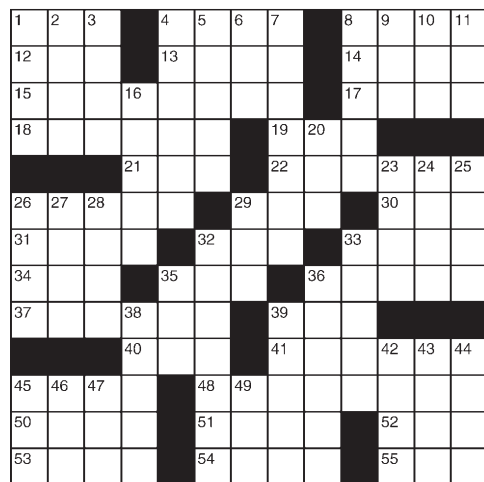


Sunday
Partly cloudy
-4°C / -12°C



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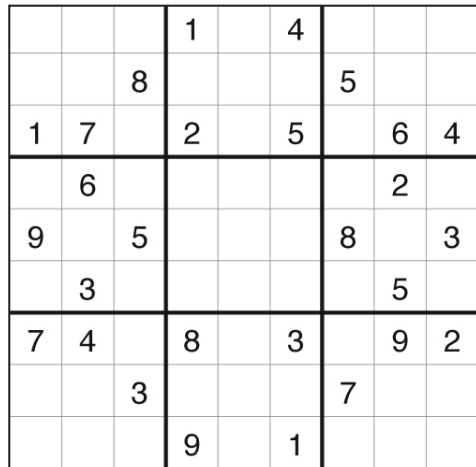
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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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9	6	3	7	1	8	2	5	4
5	8	4	3	6	2	1	7	9
1	7	2	9	4	5	6	3	8

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Cheddar and Broccoli Strata

INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp (15 ml) butter
4 shallots, finely chopped
1/2 lb (250 g) broccoli florets
6 oz (175 g) green beans, halved
2 cups (500 ml) frozen corn
9 slices bread, halved and crusts removed
4 eggs
2 1/3 cups (575 ml) 2% milk
2 tbsp (25 ml) fresh chives, snipped
2 tbsp (25 ml) fresh parsley, chopped
3/4 cup (175 ml) cheddar cheese, grated
salt and black pepper

METHOD:

1. Melt butter in frying pan. Add shallots and cook until softened. Cook broccoli and green beans in boiling water until tender. Drain, then stir with shall-

lots and corn in bowl; season to taste.

2. Arrange six halved bread slices side-by-side in lightly greased overproof dish. Top with half the broccoli mixture, add another layer of bread, then broccoli, then top with final layer of bread.

3. Whisk eggs, milk, chives and parsley, then season. Pour mixture over layered bread and vegetables, then sprinkle cheese on top. Set aside 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C).

4. Bake casserole 1 hour or until set, puffy and golden brown. Spoon strata onto serving plates.

SERVES 6

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
It is important that you believe in yourself. It is important that you have faith in your own abilities.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Saturn, planet of challenges, is strong in your chart, which means that someone in authority is going to give you a hard time.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may feel that you deserve something better and you may feel that your talents should be appreciated more, but it won't happen unless you make it.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You may feel different, even superior, do something out of the ordinary today. You've got what it takes — so take it.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may not agree with the way some people live but you do accept they have the right to be different.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Someone you meet on your travels will bring you good luck, but do you deserve it? Maybe you do, maybe you don't.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If you fear the worst then the worst will probably happen. Negative thoughts inevitably attract negative events, so keep yourself busy today.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone in a position of power will put you to the test today and you will need all your strength and all your skill to get through the situation.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
As a Leo you believe you can do anything and, for the most part, that belief is true. But with Saturn so strong at the moment you may bite off more than you can chew.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Don't waste a second of your precious time on people who are either too lazy or too stupid to sort things out for themselves.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You will either get a lot of work done today or you will get nothing of any importance done at all. There is no middle ground.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You may feel a bit lethargic today but don't let it worry you because you will more than make up for it over the weekend.



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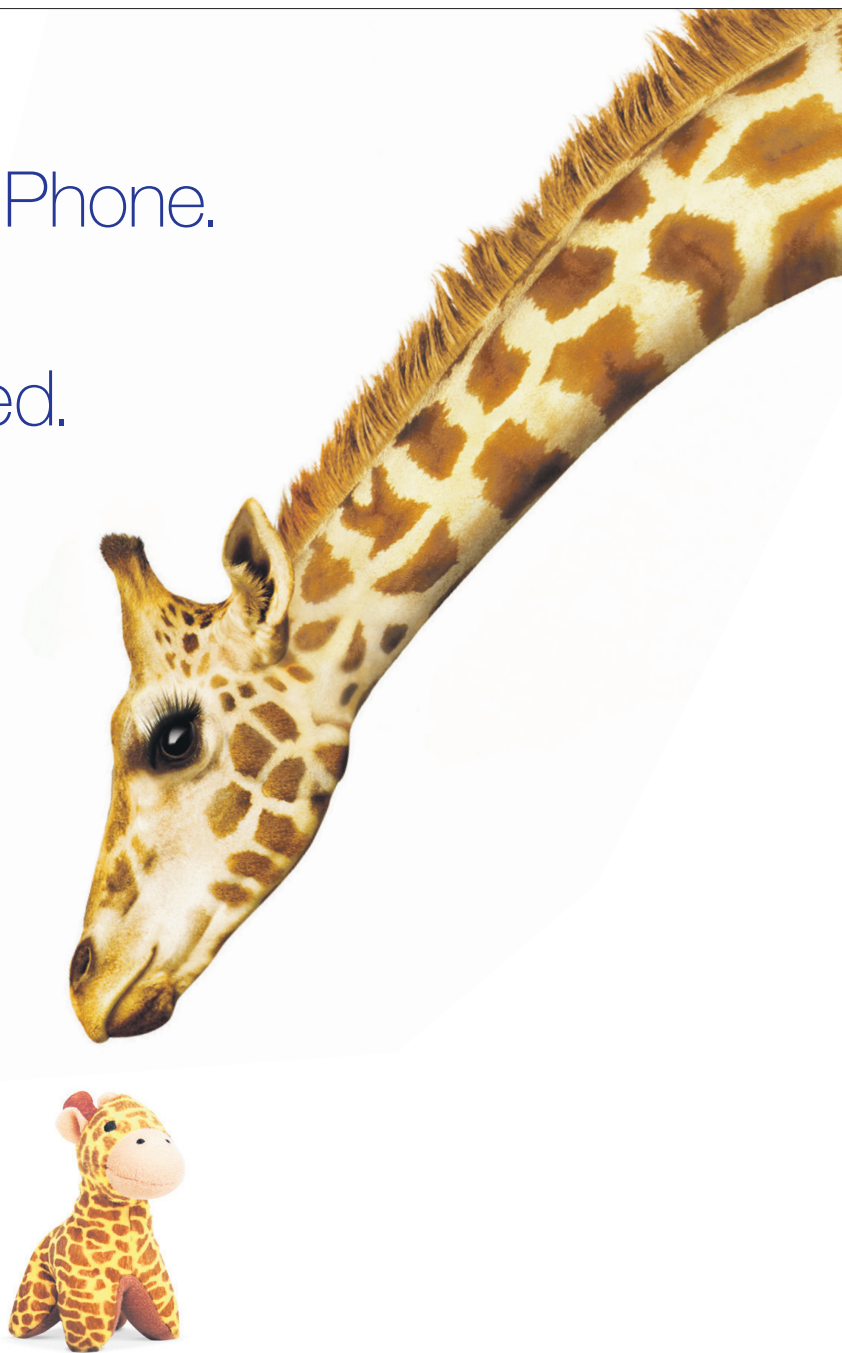
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